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Council Asks Clinton for National Summit on AIDS

by Bob Roehr

Dr. Scott Hitt, chair of the new Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, started off the group's initial meeting July 27-28 by remarking on "the indifference, avoidance, and outright prejudice that have characterized our govthat have characterized our gov-ernment's response to AIDS." Hitt acknowledged President Bill Clinton, who met with the group for a half hour the next day, by expressing hopes that decisive leadership could change that atmosphere.

Hitt had driven the council Hitt had driven the council members with briefings, position papers, and conference calls before the meeting, enabling them to issue a seven-point paper, "Initial Steps for Presidential Action," at the end of the session.

Action," at the end of the session.

It calls for the president "to use his personal leadership to raise the level of public education, compassion, and concern by pledging to make the battle against AIDS one of the most visible and continuing priorities of his Presidency." One specific suggestion is to hold a National Summit on AIDS by the end of the year. the year.

"It has the potential to do a lot

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President Bill Clinton spent 30 minutes with the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS last week. The council called on the president to make the disease "one of the most visible and continuing priorities" of his administration.

State To Supply \$13M in Growth Hormone to PWAs

Treatment requirements relaxed for anti-wasting drug

by Dennis Conkin

In a major drug-access In a major drug-access victory for state AIDS activists, the state of California has agreed to fund up to \$13 million worth of treatment with Serostim, a recombinant growth hormone manufactured from hamster cells

The drug was approved by FDA last December for eatment IND the FDA last December for Treatment IND (Investigational New Drug) status, after it showed "significant results" in reversing AIDS-related wasting syndrome by increasing lean body mass, according to AIDS activist Jeff Getty of ACT UP/Golden Gate. Many activists consider it the most promising life-sustaining medication on the horizon. "This is a crucial victory for people with AIDS." said Bill Thorne, a treatment activist with ACT UP/Golden Gate. "Because MediCal sets

the example for the nation, it will have a huge impact in many states, including New York, Florida, Pennsylvania,

York, Florida, Pennsylvania, and others."

The growth hormone is taken through daily self-administered subcutaneous injections over a three-month initial period – at a cost of \$12,600 per patient, according to Thorne.

Previous IND requirements, that all patients receiving the drug have failed treatment appetite stimulants such as Marinol and Megace, have been lifted, and the drug will

as Marinol and Megace, have been lifted, and the drug will be prescribed based on the primary physician's judg-ment, Thorne said. The drug has shown suc-cess in building some lean muscle mass in people with wasting syndrome, as opposed to other treatments that add fat. that add fat.

"Three men die of AIDS each day in San Francisco,"

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CCSF Adds New Courses To G/L Studies

by Kent Brandley

The trendsetting Gay and Lesbian Studies Department at City College of San Francisco will inaugurate several new courses, as it continues to offer scores of other informative and useful classes, beginning the third week of this month.

week of this month.

Among these are The
Anthropologies of
Homosexuality, taught by
Matthew Kennedy, plus two relationship classes and a minority
group psychology class, according to department chair Dr.
Jonathan Katz.

Katz particularly emphasized that separate classes in lesbian relationships and gay male relationships were outstanding. In an interview with the Bay Area

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GLSD chair Dr. Jonathan Katz

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Early AIDS **Treatment Ouestioned**

Researcher: 'Only see a doctor when you're sick'

by Karen Klinger UPI Science Writer

HIV-positive people who receive treatment only after they develop AIDS tend to survive longer than those given an early drug regimen, British researchers said July 13.

In a study in the British

said July 13.

In a study in the British Medical Journal, investigators at St. Mary's Hospital in London said the findings support the idea that while early treatment with drugs such as AZT can delay the onset of AIDS, they do not increase overall survival.

Dr. Mark Poznansky, lead author of the report, said the study marks the first time researchers have looked at a large group of patients who did

large group of patients who did not know they were infected until they developed AIDS-defining illnesses such as pneu-

mocystis.

The research involved 436 patients treated in 1992 and

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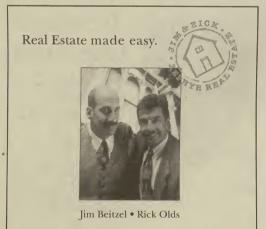
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COMMUNITY NEWS



All Shook Up

The Bay Area Raw Rahs held their annual auditions last Saturday. Six hopefuls tried out, after two workshops preparing for the finals. They performed a jazz number, a cheer and a fight song. Winners will be regular members of the squads.

'AIDS/HIV Alliance' Formed

Consortium created to tap effectively into United Way

by Dennis Conkin

More than 50 non-profit groups providing a variety of AIDS-related research, prevention, and patient support programs have formed a new federated group to raise funds for their programs through United Way and other charitable drives.

The non-profit group named The AIDS/HIV Alliance, includes several local AIDS non-profits, such as Project Open Hand; AIDS Project of The East Bay; 18th Street Services; and the National AIDS Wigh Association.

such as Project Open Hand; AIDS Project of The East Bay; 18th Street Services; and the National AIDS Wish Association.

The group will debut in the annual Combined Federal Campaign workplace fundraising drive for federal employees in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Clara, and Sacramento.

STOP AIDS Project Executive Director Fred Sonenberg told the Bay Area Reporter the Alliance would create an effective way for federal workers, and employees of local businesses and corporations that participate in the annual United Way workplace fundraising drive, to contribute to AIDS groups.

Sonenberg said that having the Alliance listed in the United Way contributor's brochure allows potential donors to turn directly to the listing, and not have to search among the thousands of agencies listed to find those that serve people with HIV and AIDS.

"The rationale behind forming the Alliance is simply that agencies raise more money in workplace fund

ply that agencies raise more money in workplace fund drives when they pool their efforts," he said in a press

A mere 2.5% overhead

Administrative support for the new non-profit will be provided by Local Independent Charities of America, which provide an umbrella organization for non-United Way affiliate charities to obtain funds from the workplace charity drive, Sonenberg said.

LICA will be reimbursed for expenses incurred, and also collect a fee of just two and a half percent for providing the administrative services, auditing, and distributing the income, said spokesman Patrick McGuire.

McGuire

distributing the income, said spokesiman Faurica McGuire.

There have been no expenses as yet, and McGuire told the B.A.R. he believes the costs of getting the project going will be minimal because "everything has been done by volunteers."

Although the group expects to debut in the Combined Federal Campaign in the fall, Sonenberg told the B.A.R. he expects the effort to reach out to other combined campaigns, such as the State Employees Fund Drive and the combined campaign of City and County of San Francisco workers, as well as United Way efforts.

According to Sonenberg, Alliance members have been listed already under LICA charities in this fall's United Way Campaign brochure, and member nonprofits will also receive workplace gifts through LICA in other worksites, even where the AIDS/HIV Alliance has not yet organized. ▼

For more information contact LICA at 415-

Hey, Hey, Boo Boo: A Pickinick for Us Bears!

by Kent Brandley

Bears and bear watchers are invited to a conclave and picnic at Angel Island's pristine Ayala Cove Hill this Sunday, August 6. The social group Bears of San Francisco will provide the charcoal, and everyone else is advised to "bring yer meat, picnic, and libations."

libations."

Angel Island, in San Francisco
Bay, has miles of tree-lined hiking
trails, beautiful vistas, views of all
three bay bridges, bike rentals,
and volleyball nets. The picnic
site, to the left of the main visitor
center, has tables, barbecue facilities, water, and toilets. In addition to food, drink and games, organiz-

ers suggest participants bring frisbees, sunscreen – and friends. "Sorry, no dogs, skates, or skateboards," they said.

boards," they said.
Early risers may amble over to
Pier 43 1/2 at 9:30 a.m. for 10 a.m.
departure to the island on the Red
and White Fleet. David Dysart,
sporting a Bear's of San Francisco
(BOSF) T-shirt, will be on hand to
point the way. point the way.

point the way.

Hearty partiers who can't possibly rouse and grouse that early will have the opportunity to take a second ferry, departing the same pier at noon. Rob Petitpas, who describes his appearance as "typically bearish" and says he'll be easy to spot in his BOSF t-shirt, will meet that group at 11:30 a.m.

Bears with a developed sense of design may be interested to know there will be recognition at the picnic for the best table set-tings – for the "most bearish, most traditional, and most piss ele-

gant."

Campground capacity is about 75, Petitpas indicated; when asked how many bears were expected, he answered, "Haven't a clue."

A \$9 fee covers the cost of the picnic site and the ferry ride to and from the island. ▼

For more information call Rob at (510) 452-9437 or the Bearline: (415) 541-

E. Bay AIDS House Faces Complaints About Food, Regs

The non-profit legal advocacy center Berkeley Community Law Center (BCCL) has met with administrators from Walker House, Alameda County's only long-term AIDS housing service, to discuss troubling complaints about its food service and a litany of house rules.

Several East Bay AIDS service providers have expressed a lack of providers have expressed a lack of

providers have expressed a lack of confidence that patients will get compassionate treatment at Walker House, and say they only refer clients there as a last resort. BCCL Executive Director Bernida Reagan told the Bay Area Reporter she hopes the recent meetings will foster better under-standing between Walker House

standing between Walker House administrators and the PWAs placed there for emergency or long-range housing.

Acknowledging that "we are both service providers for PWAs, so I don't want us to be adversaries in this," Reagan outlined "a lot of issues, some of them resulting from an unclarity over what. ing from an unclarity over what [Walker House] responsibilities

are.
"There is not a whole lot of clarity in what kinds of demands they can make on clients," she

said.

One thing is clear: any PWA who moves to Walker House will find demands there. A very long list of rules is presented to each new tenant, including regulations like "Residents must be up and dressed, in street clothes by 9 am"

That would seem to contradict the Ryan White Title I grant that funds Walker House, which man-dates people with "sleeping pat-tern disturbances" are to be accommodated, not punished.

'Always greasy'The most frequent complaints about Walker House, judging

from those people who have contacted the B.A.R., are about its food. As one former resident wrote, the food is "not appropriate for residents who have diarrhea, high blood pressure, diabetes, etc. Always greasy. Kitchen is not always clean. A nutritionist is not always clean. A nutritionist is not always to greate the distance of the proposed to review the distance.

always clean. A nutritionist is not employed to review the dietary needs of specific residents."

One service provider told the B.A.R. the poor quality of the food was enough to stop referring PWAs there altogether.

Ark of Refuge, Inc., the umbrella organization for Walker House, lists "nutrition services" as part of its three-part Program Description. But the reality, according to Walker its three-part Program Description. But the reality, according to Walker House Manager Valerie Brown-Troutt, is that the only money to supplement the nightly hot meals delivered by Project Open Hand is each resident's weekly \$2.0 food woucher from the AIDS Project of the East Bay. Feeding the residents on so little money is obviously a struggle.

Brown-Troutt told the B.A.R.,
"I wish we had all the resources "I wish we had all the resources we need to adequately serve them," but unfortunately, Walker House is not allowed to buy food with its \$250,000 Ryan White grant. It could, in theory, apply money from a different grant; the Ark of Refuge will receive half of some \$100,000 in Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) moneys, scheduled for disbursement sometime uled for disbursement sometime this year. But plans at this point call for those HOPWA funds to be used primarily for rehabilitation of the physical facilities, Brown-Troutt told the *B.A.R.*

Other complaints

Brown-Troutt also discussed other complaints, and said residents are required to keep doors cracked open at night - resulting in complaints of privacy loss – because "many clients have dementia and you cannot support or make sure they are safe when they are living behind locked doors.

'We' ve had a couple of suicide attempts," she said. "We do a check to make sure they're safe; if it's locked, we can't assist some-one who's living behind locked

doors."

She gave a similar reason for the padlocked wrought iron gate in front of the house that has required sick residents to stand outside until someone lets them in: "We're located in a high crime, high drug use area," she said. in: "We're located in a high crime, high drug use area," she said. "The gate is locked for the house's protection." In addition, she added, some patients with dementia have gotten up and wandered away, sometimes in the middle of the night, and the gate acts as a determent.

The rule prohibiting smoking except in a designated area at certain times is also "for the safety of the whole house," she said. Finally, she said, about the requirement to do chores, "If they can't do that, we get them extra

Support."
Brown-Troutt stressed that the Brown-Troutt stressed that the agency operates at a deficit, and it's not as if anyone were getting rich working at Walker House. Indeed, according to Ryan White records reviewed by the B.A.R., salaries are in the medium-to-low range. Annual salaries paid out last year included \$8,743 for a Project Director; \$25,000 for Site Administrator: \$25,000 for Site Administrator; \$25,000 for Administrative Assistant; and \$16,667 each for Day Manager, Evening Manager, and Night Manager. And, she said, "I have people who work 50-60 hours a week on 40-hour salaries." ▼

Donations of food are being accepted by The Walker House, especially meats and unprepared foods. Please call before visiting the site, (510) 635-8422.

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Baptists may boot 4 Bay Area congregations **Baptist Schism Looms Over Acceptance of Homosexuality**

by Kent Brandley

Does the Bible teach that boes the Bible teach that homosexuality is a sin, or is the New Testament command to love one another far more important? That seems to be the crux of the issue as the American Baptist Church begins debate on whether to expel four Bay Area congregations for accepting technian and for accepting lesbian and

tions for accepting lesbian and gay members.

The gay-friendly churches undergoing strong pressure to reject queer members are the Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, the New Community of Faith Church in San Jose, the First Baptist Church of Berkeley, and the San Leandro Community Church.

The real issue, according to the Reverend Jim Hopkins of Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church

in Oakland, is the 1992 formation of a new national Association of Baptist congregations known as the "Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists," of churches that welcome gay men and lesbians as members. There are now 30 such congregations nationwide.

Hopkins, a prominent and eloquent American Baptist Bay Area

quent American Baptist Bay Area pastor, told the Bay Area Reporter the board of managers of the American Baptist Churches of the West – the smallest of five main Baptist groups, with about 1.25 million members in 300 congregations – will consider the issue in September. At that time, a decision will be made whether to call a special convention on the issue,

Hopkins said.

Opposition to homosexuals is based on nine Biblical passages

dealing with same-sex sexual activity, according to Hopkins, but they do not relate to homosexuali-

they do not relate to homosexuality as we know it today.

"The understanding of homosexuality as an orientation" is not what the Scriptures address, Hopkins told the B.A.R. What the Biblical passages objected to were pagan temple rituals.

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pagan temple rituals.
"Jesus himself is silent on the subject," Hopkins observed, "but by example he associated with those stigmatized and deemed impure by the religious and political authorities of the day.
"It is wrong to attempt to

"It is wrong to attempt to change a person's orientation," he said. "What does matter is com-mitment, integrity, justice, and

joy."

Whether that is true for American Baptists as a whole remains to be seen. ▼

\$10,000 grant helps ARIS food programs

Applied Materials, Inc., has donated \$10,000 to AIDS Resources Information Services (ARIS) of Santa Clara County. The donation will help with the organization's food and nutrition program, as well as other support

services, said Tom Myers, ARIS spokesman. Applied Materials, based in the town of Santa Clara, is the world's largest producer of semi-conductor manufacturing equipment.
"We're delighted to receive

this grant for such a vital program," said Norm Robinson, ARIS executive director. ARIS is located at 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, in San Jose.

- Kent Brandley

Funding Alert

The United Way Community Fund invites nonprofit groups to apply for funding. Information Packets and Letter of Intent forms may be picked up at any of the five county locations listed below. Nonprofit groups must have 501(e)(3) status or have arranged a fiscal agent relationship with a 501(e)(3) organization. Deadline for Letters of Intent is September 1, 1995. For more information, call the appropriate county hotline.

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Contra Costa County Hotline (510) 609-2421 Concord - 1070 Concord Avenue, Suite 270

Marin County Hotline (415) 492-4406 San Rafael - 4340 Redwood Highway, Suite 400

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Fit To Be Tied

Hunky Richard Anderson (left) adjusts the cuffs on a willing participant at the SpannerMart2 fundraiser last weekend at the Women's Building. The July 30 event raised well over \$7,000 for Great Britain's Spanner Defendants' latest appeal. Leather mavens Kane and Skeeter Wildman emceed, and pain and pleasure were the order of the day

Spit at Us, Go to Jail: It's the Law

An ex-convict with previous burglary and sexual battery con-victions who threatened, spit at, and exposed himself to a lesbian couple in a Mission district inci-dent last February was sentenced to a year in San Francisco County

Jail on Tuesday, August 2.

Harold Kazajian, 35, was sentenced for committing a misdemeanor hate crime, according to Assistant District Attorney Chuck

Haines.

The February incident took place outside the popular Mission area bar Jack's, according to Jessica Graves, one of the victims Kazajian's anti-gay invective

of Kazajian's anti-gay invective and assault.

Graves and her girlfriend were leaving the popular drinking establishment when Kazajian, who was behind them on the street, began yelling at the pair.

"I heard him say that he was going to slash my lesbian friend's

tires. I had no idea what he was talking about," Graves said. She told the Bay Area Reporter Kazajian kept up the anti-gay comments, including such slurs as "you lesbians deserve to die." According to Graves, the excon also pulled out his penis and was masturbating as he continued the anti-lesbian rant.

the anti-lesbian rant.

"He said, 'This is what you need. You need a man,'" she told the B.A.R.

Two women passers-by intervened, as did three of Graves's friends, whom she alerted inside the bar. Police arrived at the scene and arrested Kazajian, who had also apparently shoved one of the seven women ultimately involved in the confrontation with the anti-

in the confrontation with the anti-lesbian ex-convict.

"I'm very pleased we got him on the civil rights violation. It's one of the first convictions in the state," Graves said.

state," Graves said.
"I felt pretty violated to have someone threaten me with his

penis out. Of course, the first thing you think about is rape. We were

you tunink about is rape, we were just walking down the street."
Haines, who heads the District Attorney's hate crimes prosecution team, told the Bay Area Reporter that Kazajian demanded a jury trial and rejected any settlement offers; for his troubles, he received the maximum possible. received the maximum possible sentence on the misdemeanor

charge.

Haines told the B.A.R. he was

Haines told the B.A.R. he was "very pleased" the jury had decided to convict.

"They were able to see it as a civil rights violation, that he was violating these women's rights, the rights of women to be left alone, and to see his action as a hate crime," Haines said.

Kazajian, who is also on a parole hold for violating the terms of his parole from the Nevada

of his parole from the Nevada penal system, also faces extradi-tion to a state prison there upon the completion of his jail sen-tence.

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Detrick Memorial To Be Held Today

by Dennis Conkin

A memorial service honoring the life of gay business leader, philanthropist, and former Police Commissioner David Detrick is scheduled for 3 p.m. today (Thursday, August 3) at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Detrick, 45, died on July 26 at

Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City, of complications related to AIDS.

A native of Kentfield, California, Detrick earned a

Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon in 1972 and later began his business career in

later began his business career in the luggage industry at the French Company in Los Angeles. He returned to the Bay Area in 1974 to run Malm Luggage, a firm established in 1886 by his great-grandfather. After expanding the firm into a nine-store chain. firm into a nine-store chain Detrick became a partner with Louis Vuitton, Inc. to open and operate the French firm's Sutter

operate the French Tirm's Sutter Street boutique.

During his life, Detrick cham-pioned the cause of equal rights for the lesbian and gay communi-ty, and was appointed by Mayor Frank Jordan to the San Francisco Police Commission in 1993. He

Police Commission in 1993. He resigned from that post last year because of illness.
"I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of David Detrick," Jordan said. "I had the privilege of appointing him to the Police Commission, where he did an outstanding job and always put the interests of the city ahead of his own.

own.
"He will be truly missed by those of us who had the honor to

San Francisco Supervisor Migden called Detrick's death "a great loss" to the community.

"David Detrick had a long and valiant struggle with AIDS," Migden told the Bay Area Reporter. "He fought hard. He was an elegant and kind person who was devoted to advancing the cause of lesbian and gay rights on local and international levels. He was also a tremendous humanitar-

ian.
"He was my friend and he will be sorely missed."
Detrick was active in and supported a variety of groups, including the Human Rights Campaign the National Lesbian and Fund, the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, and the Alliance of San Francisco. He also contri-



the San Francisco Ballet. "He was

buted

a very quiet and gentle per-son. He son. He was also a very keen business person and had a very good sense of where and

David Detrick

how to put alue," said money for its best value," said HRCF board member Mark Leno. "On the one hand he was fiscally conservative, but he also had a wild side. He had little tolerance for anyone who thought there was time to wait on AIDS funding issues and lesbian and gay equal rights causes.

Detrick is survived by his com-

Detrick is survived by his companion Richard Gaz, plus his mother, stepfather, two brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

Contributions are requested to The Tides Foundation, AIDS Memorial Grove, The San Francisco Ballet, and Meals of Marin.

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Streicher May Get Playing Field as Posthumous Honor

Mayor Frank Jordan announced this week that he has asked the Recreation and Parks Commission to calendar a measure that would allow the Collingwood Park athletic field in the Castro to be named in honor of the late Rikki Streicher.

The lessing priorage and leader

The lesbian pioneer and leader died last August 21 of cancer at the

age of 68.

"Rikki Streicher did a lot for "Rikki Streicher did a lot for pride in the community, and les-bian and gay rights in general," said Jordan spokesman Robert Oakes. "And because of her inter-est and support of athletic efforts, she contributed a great deal to the growing acceptance of gay and les-bians by mainstream athletic orga-nizations,"

Streicher, born in Ohio, settled in San Francisco in the mid-1940s in San Francisco in the mid-1940s after a stint as a camera girl in Hollywood. An accomplished businesswoman, she owned and operated a variety of lesbian bars and venues including Maud's, a community institution from the day it opened in 1966 until it closed in 1989. Its fame as a lesbian bar was so widespread its closing was filmed and released as the movie Last Call at Maud's.

Streicher was also the cofounder of the Federation of Gay



Games - and wrote the group's bylaw and articles of incorporation, in fact - but was perhaps best known for her commitment to

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inducted to the Gay Softball League shortly before her death, and honored with the Tom Waddell Cup at the closing of the Gay Games in June 1994, eight years after she carried the group's torch during ceremonies for the 1986 athletic competition in San Francisco.

Possible renaming in the fall

According to Oakes, Jordan has made the request of the Rec and Park Commission because of regulations which prohibit naming public fields and other property until several years after an individual has died.

"Mayor Jordan has asked the Commission to yote one auditors of

"Mayor Jordan has asked the commission to vote on a waiver of the requirement, in recognition of Rikki Streicher's contributions and leadership," Oakes told the Bay Area Reporter. "We anticipate this will take a couple of months, but we are looking forward to the dedication of the playing field this fall."

In addition to her athletic inter-ests, Streicher also served on the

boards of a variety of lesbian and gay groups, including The Society For Individual Rights, The Godfather Service Fund, The Tavern Guild, the Cable Car Awards, and the Community Advisory Boards of Frameline and the AIDS Emergency Fund. She was also Grand Marshal of the 1991 San Francisco Freedom Day Parade.

The measure will be discussed at the Thursday, August 17 meeting of the Recreation and Parks Commission. ▼

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ACLU's Schowers Dies at 37

Former law partner of Tom Horn

New Mexico gay and civil rights leader Ray Schowers died of complications related to AIDS on Friday, July 14.
Schowers, 47, was the first law partner of Bay Area Reporter counsel Tom Horn.
A lifetime resident of

A lifetime resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Schowers was a constitutional and civil rights expert who served as legal director of the New Mexico chapter of the American Civil the American Civil Liberties Union and was its president from 1985-1988.

1988.
Schowers was active in Democratic politics and was general counsel for the New Mexico Democratic Party form 1980 until his death. He received the Democratic Party Outstanding Leadership Award and the party's Chairman's Award party's Chairman's Award in 1994.

Schowers was also active in the Albuquerque Civic Light Opera Association, and served as its president in 1989.

Preceded in death by his longtime companion Gary Martoglio, chowers is survived by his parents, a daughter, brother, and a sister.

- Dennis Conkin

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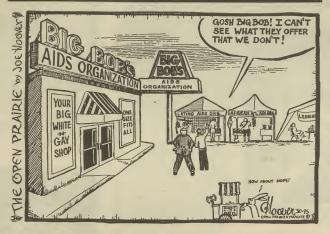
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EDITORIAL

It's Not the Heat, It's the Humanity

ugust has arrived. It is the summer of our discontent. High pressure systems (the National Association and the Christian Coalition, to name two) loom large in the distance. And yet, and yet...

Not all the signs on the horizon are bad. Evidence abounds that the right wing has become so pressurized it faces spontaneous combustion - neither the nor the Protection hearings Environmental Agency flip-flop can have raised the GOP's stock among our fellow Americans – and that explosion may come sooner that anyone expected.

One thing we are sure of: PWAs are not the only people in the country who will be adversely affected by last week's shackling of the EPA; cancer patients and the elderly will also die the hideous death of cryptosporidiosis, and chil-dren's intelligence will be stunted by leaden air, and infants will be born deformed or not at all because they were poisoned in the womb.

And people will remember who was responsible.

It's clear the Republicans are, as President Clinton charged, driven by special interest groups like gun sellers and industrial polluters. And most people are realizing those tax cuts being pushed through Congress won't compensate them for the quality of life they're giving up - unless they are already in the top two percent that controls most of the money in this country.

Yes, a feeling of betrayal is building among average Americans, and we think it'll get worse - or better, depending

upon your perspective.

So despite the unexpected heat in these parts and the occasional grouchiness that comes with it, we find ourselves more optimistic lately. Not that we think the GOP will be easy to dislodge, but we do believe we're going to have a lot more friends and allies helping us at the end of the summer than we did when it started.

Speaking of friends, we have to say we've noticed a slackening of general friendliness around town. It's understandable, of course - everyone's been through a couple of very frightening months, and who knows how long it will be before half the politicians in Washington consider us human beings again - but it's not good.

This is not the first time in our history that gays and les-bians have been under attack, obviously, and it's important to remember one of our better defenses in the past has been our sense of community. It is far too important to relinquish because of pressure from the right wing; on the contrary, it's more vital now than ever. Besides cementing bonds among ourselves, it provides an alternative image to that provided by our enemies.

And that's important: We can't make people stop hating, if that's really how they want to waste their time on earth, but we can show them for what they are, by being as unlike them as

So at the very large risk of sounding schoolmarmish, we would like to encourage everyone to rediscover (and nurture) their senses of humor and humanity this summer. Stop shoving; stop being rude; take a deep breath and do the relax

Of course, this lecture – if that's what it is – is not intended for the thousands of people in this city who have responded so well to 15 years of epidemic so far, or those who have helped to make this world better in other

To you, all of you, our eternal gratitude. ▼

GUEST OPINION

Where Is Gay **Liberation Going?**

by Su Docekal

ust two short years ago, a million exuberant lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders, and their supporters marched on Washington D.C., confident they were ushering in a new era. The ban on gays in the military would be lifted, a national healthcare plan passed, and AIDS education and caregiving finally taken seriously by the federal government.

Two years later, Bill Clinton and his merry band have broken every campaign promise that gay votes and money could buy. Angry with the administration, queer activists also feel betrayed by their own leaders, who were seduced by yet another smooth-talking Democrat.

Some people never learn. The Human Rights Campaign Fund is a national gay lobby that backed Clinton vigorously and invested hugely in the campaign to lift the ban. In 1994, they threw good money after bad, contributing \$750,000 to Democratic candidates. Meanwhile, they provided no coordination and little aid to struggling local organizations hunkered down in the ground war against the right wing.

In response to this sort of dereliction of duty, grassroots organizers have handed cautious bureaucrats ("we just want a place at the table") a resounding vote of no confidence.

Lidell Jackson, of New York's Lesbian/Gay People of Color Steering Committee, told this reporter: "The military ban sealed the coffin on national gay organizing." Jackson's recent essay in Colorlife magazine warms that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, which under former director Urvashi Vaid won wide respect for its outspoken multi-issue approach, is now moving right as well. Taming its message to suit well-heeled contributors, the Task Force risks becoming just as irrelevant as the HRCF. "But I remain optimistic," says Jackson. "Gay organizing didn't cease—it simply changed direction."

Rank-and-file activists have rolled up their sleeves to concentrate where they felt they could make an impact: fighting bigotry on the ballot, educating door-to-door, and forging alliances with labor and civil liberties organizations, people of colo

split the movement in the early 1970s: Is our goal equality within the status quo, or an all-encompassing liberation that requires a restructuring of society? It's a class question. And to the HIV-positive gay man with no health insurance, to the lesbian of color with no job prospects, and to the queer youth with no home, the answer is obvious. But the heated political arguments of the '60s are out of vogue: when groups don't meet their needs, activists of the '90s just up and leave. Moises Montoya, a former member of San Francisco ACT UP, cautions: "Failure to discuss and analyze led to mistakes. Militants in ACT UP and Queer Nation adopted increasingly radical tactics, but exhausted their fire on short-term reforms, leaving the system itself unscathed."

cal tactics, but exhausted their fire on short-term reforms, leaving the system itself unscathed." These days it seems that only artists, whose free speech the gay community zealously protects, are willing to engage in no-holds-barred polemic. Even many queer leftists gingerly avoid discussing capitalism, much less naming it as the problem. Playwrights and poets like Tony Kushner, Merle Woo, and the late Audre Lorde are now the ones popularizing socialist ideas. Artists are ahead of their times, but the times catch up. Unending economic doldrums and the relentless right wing will continue to push youthful queers to follow where the culturati are leading – to burst the bubble of silence, call timid gay leaders to task, and hammer out a bold new program for human liberation.

gram for human liberation.

Su Docekal has been a lesbian activist in Seattle for twenty years and is a writer and car-toonist for the Freedom Socialist newspaper.

Honey-glazed homosexuality

In a letter that recently appeared in an Alameda newspaper, Carol Freeman-Medina stated her reasons for reading Leviticus 18:22-29 at the Alameda City Council deliberations on the issue of a gay pride

Since I was not in attendance at the City Council meeting and because Ms. Freeman-Medina did not quote the passages from Leviticus in her letter, I had to consult my family Bible to learn the contents of her

quote.

As I worked my way through Leviticus, I found that there is a wealth of information in its many chapters on what does or does not please the Old Testament God. The following are a few examples that I learned (and I am not making this up!):

• When and why to cleanse the house with the blood of a bird:

blood of a bird;

 When and why to bring turtles and pigeons to a • When and why to sprinkle the blood of a bullock

with one's fingers; and

• Which of one's relatives one should never see

Abominations abound in Leviticus and include the eating of pork, clams, lobster, oysters and shrimp. When I finally got to Ms. Freeman-Medina's personal favorite abomination, I found it to be "lying with mankind as with womankind..." It ranks right up there with eating a shrimp cocktail or a honey-glazed

there with eating a sharing the ham!

In carefully reading the passage, it becomes clear that there is no similar prohibition for a woman to lie with womankind as with mankind. Queen Victoria clearly understood this distinction. When the British Parliament submitted legislation to her that would have made homosexuality and lesbianism crimes, the wise monarch made them remove all language relating to lesbianism because she knew nothing like that even existed.

Perhaps next June the Alameda City Council and the religious fundamentalists can agree on the language of a lesbian pride proclamation, especially as it relates to lesbians who know better than to look at their naked relatives and who occasionally spruce up their homes with some nice fresh bird blood. The proclamation must be, of course, silent on the subjects of gay men and roast tenderloin of pork.

Robert W. Zimmerman

Remembering Ray Benson

It is another great loss in our community, losing another wonderful person to this terrible Pandemic, who was Officer Ray Benson of the S.F.P.D.

I had met Ray several years ago during a protest, and ended up speaking with him. I was quite impressed with his warmth and candor. Over the years, we would chat if we ran into one another, when Ray was on duty.

Ray was on duty.

I had not seen Ray for quite a while, until I saw I had not seen Ray for quite a while, until I saw him on a local news program regarding the losses of S.F.P.D. Officers to AIDS. It was somewhat of a shock to see how he had changed physically. About a month or so, I just dropped off a short note to him, but found out that he passed away.

It is truly a tragedy in our community, that gay men like Ray are no longer with us. The suffering that they go through, including their lovers, families, and close friends. It sometimes just makes the old heart hurt. (I just lost a dear friend about a month and a half before).

Ray was a very intelligent, compassionate, bright, caring, and loving gay man, who at least now is no longer suffering. He certainly will be missed by San Francisco's gay community.

Perhaps Officer Benson is somewhere with the

angels now, waiting to receive his golden wings of light.

A Friend San Francisco

Nutritious, not delicious

As a client of Project Open Hand, I feel that it is imperative to stimulate client feedback as to the meals offered. For example, there are too many stews, which are not very appetizing at that. The menus are in need of improvement to say the least. If you share these or similar views and opinions, call Tom Nolan, Executive Director of Project Open Hand at 558-0600 and share your criticism.

I also recommend that each member of the Board of Directors receive a meal for a month, thereby experiencing first-hand what the clients much face each day. Perhaps then the Board may consider putting the program out for contract.

Please take action now – it's overdue.

Name Withheld by Request

Dangers of the 'spite vote'

Allan Kramer's letter of July 6 is incredible. If I were a Republican operative I would cut it out and send it to all of my fundraising buddies for a good

send it to all of my fundraising buddies for a good laugh. "Those stupid moronic faggots," they will say. "Can't they learn?"

Republicans are counting on queers and gays in 1996 to do exactly what Mr. Kramer wants to do. Faggots will desert Clinton in droves. They will be casting the "spite vote," the final infantile thumbsucking refuge of the dissatisfied angry gay white male. In Clinton's place will be elected Dole, or Gramm, or Gingrich, or some as-yet unseen but (guaranteed) unfriendly specter.

I will vote for Bill Clinton in 1996. I will not vote for him because I like him, or even because I respect him, or even because I am particularly sure he will win. I will vote for him because he is the last bulwark remaining against the tide of the Republican right that is engulfing this country. It's not too hard to figure out.

out.

Mr. Kramer is free to take his righteous anger and his nurtured spite and "throw [his vote] away wherever it will make the most noise." He can also be sure that the noise he will hear will not be the soul-reviving clang he will be pricking his ears for.

Instead he will hear the sound of heavy wroughtiron gates slamming shut on gay civil rights; the sound of judicial gavels banging as sodomy laws are re-instated; the sound of the windows of the sacred gay bar being boarded up because it is deemed a disease-transmitting menace; the sound of screaming desperate men and women being denied AIDS treatment because it is the result of "disgusting" behavior, being stripped of federal funding for art and literature that speaks to their identity, being labelled threats to Deing stripped of federal funding for art and literature that speaks to their identity, being labelled threats to society; the sound of baseball bats and guns and knives raining down on queer skin and drawing red blood in acts of socially and politically sanctioned hate crime; the sound of fearless Christian soldiers marching and laughing and slapping their uniformed thighs as they herd us on the Bataan Death March into the "quarantine" camps.

the "quarantine" camps.
That is the noise that Mr. Kramer will hear when he throws away his "meaningless" vote. He will have plenty of opportunity to use his fancy French turns of phrase in the gulag, but unfortunately I don't think he'll be ordering paté de foie gras.

Frank Martinez Lester

Third party choices

I greatly appreciate your printing Allan Kramer's letter regarding his disgust with the Republocrats and Bill Clinton and his encouraging readers to consider third party options in the 1996 presidential election. Kramer suggested the Green Party as a third party option. This is an admirable choice, but considering from my observations and chats with clerks in grocery stores—mest repole won't do something as basic and

option. This is an admirable choice, but considering from my observations and chats with clerks in grocery stores – most people won't do something as basic and as "Green" as taking canvas shopping bags with them when buying groceries but instead ask for paper and plastic, the Green Party would be a very hypocritical choice for most people. Except in rare instances, it is true that no matter which way one votes, one is throwing a vote away since most politicians are just skinencased sacks of fecal matter. There are only a handful of fair politicians in the bunch.

Kramer didn't mention Roberta Achtenberg, but let's not forget that she's dragging out Al Gore's rhetoric of "reinventing government." How many more times are we going to hear that? Secondly, ask some of Roberta's colleagues at HUD about her "Clinton" (i.e. reversal) of what she claimed she was going to do at HUD and then what she actually did.

If we want to get rid of bad government, we must stop voting for the lesser of the two evils and bought and paid-off corrupt politicians who will say anything to be elected. They basically all use the same language and wouldn't address a substantive issue if their life depended on it. We must begin electing people with basic common sense from those few people remaining who haven't been dumbed down. As Kramer basically concludes, the election of our employees (i.e. politicians) is pretty futile no matter who wins until the voters are willing to make drastic changes. politicians) is pretty futile no matter who wins until the voters are willing to make drastic changes.

Chris Coates

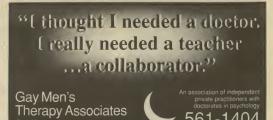
Scary monster

To Jesse Helms: The most common way AIDS is transmitted is by having unprotected sex. When your parents had unprotected sex and produced you, it was perhaps the strongest example of "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct" – it produced a monster.

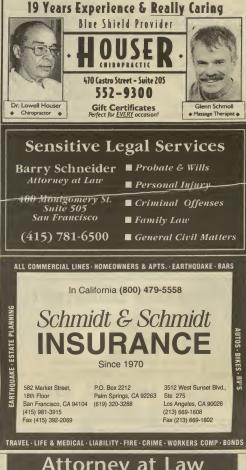
Robert Bogdanoff San Francisco

The struggle over JROTC

The latest round in the effort to eliminate JROTC Continued on page 8



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from the San Francisco Public Schools demonstrates the necessity for closing as many military bases as possible, for that is how we can put an end to the war vote, as exemplified by the School Board's 4 to 3 vote to keep JROTC in the schools.

to keep JROTC in the schools.

For the record, one person who spoke loudly and clearly for war in her support of JROTC was Espinola Jackson, a well-known Democrat. Since the issue of war and peace is a benchmark, all endorsements from her must viewed as pro-war and anti-gay endors

The next time this issue comes before the board, it is imperative that far more attendance on the part of the peace community be evident. Everett Junior High School sits in the most progressive voting district of San Francisco, the Mission District, and is near San Francisco, the Mission District, and is near almost-as-progressive voting districts, namely the Duboce Triangle, the Castro and Noe Valley. This vote was well-publicized, yet the auditorium was half-empty. One-fourth of the auditorium was filled with JROTC students who, as one teenager denouncing JROTC stated, were receiving credit for being there. The other quarter was occupied by the peace community. The auditorium must be packed to overflowing next time by the peace community. It would be far better if this matter would be put to a vote by the San Francisco voters in November 1996, who will certainly boot JROTC out of San Francisco schools with all deliberate speed. We should also run peace candidates for School Board to replace Keith Jackson, Carlota del Portillo, Jill Wynns and Leland Yee, the four war votes.

San Francisco

FBI surveillance

The recent "revelations" about FBI spying on ACT-UP should be a reminder to the gay community that we must guard against the kinds of illegal abuses that have for decades been typical against social

movements.

If history is any guide, it is probably a fallacy to imagine that the FBI and CIA would restrict themselves to passive monitoring. These organizations tend to be far-right. They simply do not wear their politics on their sleeves. The gay community should try to picture what a Jesse Helms might do, could he operate in secrecy, above the law.

Probably, they would try to take over leadership, sidetrack, pit factions against one another, gum up the organizational machinery and drive groups out of existence. They would attempt to manipulate the gay press, and generate propaganda. They would try to

existence. They would attempt to manipulate the gay press, and generate propaganda. They would try to create negative publicity that would harm the gay cause. They might target individual leaders for "dirty trick" campaigns, to attempt to demoralize and discredit. They would act as provocateurs, trying to goad illegal actions, which they could use either to arrest immediately, or further discredit.

This is not wild speculation: these are the kinds of things known to have happened in past decades. In these right-leaning times, there is little reason to imagine that the world has changed from corruption to honor. behind the scenes.

honor, behind the scenes

Thomas R. Keske Randolph, MA

Castro cleaners

The Castro Cleaners

The Castro has always been pretty open about people advertising almost anything on fliers, brochures, whatever. You can find them at bus-stops, telephone poles, etc., that is until now. Recently I began placing fliers around these same spots for an amazing weight gain, weight loss and health maintenance program. This is to spread the joy around about good health, also to make money.

Problem: A person or persons takes it upon themselves to tear down fliers. We have had response from phone booths, cars and bus-stops. I also do other areas of the city, not just the Castro. My love for the gay, lesbian and transgender community is why I went into this business.

Jon M. Landas San Francisco

Unconditional affection

Bravissimo Anthony Turney! Your quilt letter is

San Francisco

Long-term love

The Community News article of July 6, "End of a Lifelong Love Affair" should be encouraging to our young folks. All is not lost to Jesse Helms, AIDS or any other deadly vermin. After two people meet there can be a long, caring and devoted relationship. It happens every day. We hear of a 45-year relationship and think how wonderful and unusual this is. It's more

common than we think.

Veterans C.A.R.E., a North Bay gay and lesbian veterans organization, tabulated its couples. Over our past 10 years we had a total of 356 members, consisting of 75 couples (150 souls). The average time together was 25 years. The shortest 10 years, the longest 47 years. Multiply this by all the other G/L/B organizations in the United States and the message is that there is a lot of life after meeting.

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Chuck Schoen Founder, Veterans C.A.R.E. Redwood Empire

Changes for the worse

I fully agree with the points made by Chuck Johnston ["Lack of Athletic Support," Letters, July 20] concerning the recent upheavals at City Athletic Club. I wish to add the following observations:

City Athletic Club's new management has made major changes to the gym's layout and organization, nearly all of which have made it a more difficult, unpleasant place. In addition to firing the old staff (an act widely deplored by the gym's members), management has crammed more machines onto the already crowded workout floor, has placed several machines in the former lobby which is now essentially a dark hallway, and has removed the ventilation fans from the locker room. In addition, basic cleaning measures seem to have been assigned a lower priority; the

the locker room. In addition, basic cleaning measures seem to have been assigned a lower priority; the stench of mold hugs one corner of the shower area. Finally, the idiotic new floorplan forces arriving patrons to walk across the wet area in street clothes. Like many of the other recent changes, this one seems to have been dreamed up while drunk.

What are these guys thinking? Changes at CAC are being made with so little foresight, it feels almost like a contest to see how fast they can make the gym go under. I've been a CAC member for many years. If I weren't already paid several months ahead, I'd be in line at the desk at one of the other gyms right now, checkbook in hand. Few people will join or renew at the "new" CAC, and if management doesn't figure that out quickly and act to reverse their recent foolish

the "new" CAC, and if management doesn't figure that out quickly and act to reverse their recent foolish decisions, the place won't last another year.

I'm having my non-member roommate sign and mail this, as I also fear reprisals from the new management.

Randy Wellington

Another unhappy member

As someone who has been a member of the City Athletic Club for 10 years, I want to offer my support and appreciation to former personal trainer Chuck Johnston, in response to his July 22 letter. Chuck clearly articulated many of the problems at that gym

as I see it.

In all of the years I've been using the gym, the vibes and support between members and staff have always been friendly, casual and supportive. More than just a place for physical exercise, the CAC is where I have gone to find my community in the "Gay Community." As with the other former staff members - who have also been fired or encouraged to leave - Church development of a convince serve of pride and investments.

Community." As with the other former staff members - who have also been fired or encouraged to leave - Chuck demonstrated a genuine sense of pride and joy in his position at the gym, and it always felt good to be around this kind of spirit and energy.

The new management, Ben Greyling, has turned the ambiance of the gym upside down without the slightest acknowledgment to - or regard for - the existing membership (are we all replaceable to him too? I think so!). The new cramped and claustrophobic locker space is very hard for me to deal with, but the major catastrophe at the CAC is the absence of Chuck and the other staff members who were so well-appreciated by the membership. What we now have in their place is (as they say in their ad) an "all new" contrived uniformed staff that has no sense of history of the place - that can smile on cue and obey orders.

What the CAC had that Ben Greyling seems to be unable to recognize is a personality. A cold corporate efficiency has taken over and I, like many others, am not very happy about it. My good news to you, Chuck, is that you are too good for this kind of environment and deserve better. I hope you find it.

John Reed

Chorus of approval

On behalf of The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, I would like to thank you for the wonderful article in the B.A.R. by Robert Firpo-Capiello. Your support of the chorus is truly appreciated by the chorus and myself. KGAY FM Sounds of the Sixties proved to be one of our most successful shows to date. The audience was on its feet!

Pattie Lockard SF Gay Men's Chorus

Bill bounces back

even months after the Republicans took control of Congress for the first time in decades, the merican public appears to be atching on to the Gingrich-Dole land to wreath the fact that American catching on to the Gingrich-Dole plan to wreck the federal government by attempting to do away with most services now provided for the poor and the elderly; quietly dismantle Social Security; rid the country of the "too costly" affirmative action programs; etc. – all in the name of "balancing the budget." Suddenly, President Clinton is beginning to look good again to many of those who had lost faith in him.

Commentary

A USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll released last week shows that although Clinton's job approval rating is slightly below 50 percent, rating is slightly below 50 percent, his re-election prospects have begun to look up. Only two weeks ago, Clinton and the GOP frontrunner, Senator Majority Leader Bob Dole, were in a dead heat. In fact, a poll by the same group in late May had Dole beating the president, 50-46 percent. This week's poll shows the president rebounding impressively. He currently leads Dole, 50-44 percent.

Clearly, the Democratic Party managers – while realizing the election is still 15 months away and anything can happen - see the stats as good news for Clinton, who, after the November GOP landslide, was considered who, after the November GOP landslide, was considered "washed up" even by members of his own party. The new poll shows the president prevailing in all regions of the country except the South, while doing the best in the East, where he leads any GOP candidate, 55-37 percent. Even Republicans were grudgingly admitting that the poll represents "a significant comeback" for Bill Clinton.

Clinton.

While the Dole campaign was publicly trying to downplay the poll, some Dole strategists were worried that "the age factor" had finally hit them. (Dole turned 72 recently and would be past 73 if he were to win next year.) They sadly realize that there is little they can do about this issue.

realize that there is little they can do about this issue.

Some close to the Kansas senator who don't particularly like House Speaker Newt Gingrich quietly suggested to political reporters that their man has been "damaged" by having to carry some of Gingrich's negative baggage. Many, however, believe the new numbers reflect more negatively on Dole than positively for new numbers reflect more nega-tively on Dole than positively for Clinton. "A number of issues Dole's been pushing, such as reg-ulatory reform, have been dead-locked in the GOP-controlled Senate. He's simply not been rep-resenting himself as an effective leader," complained one leader," complained one Republican senator. Clinton campaign advisors are aware that the numbers on certain

aware that the numbers on certain issues, such as foreign affairs and "personal honesty," are not good. (Only 47 percent approve of his handling of the economy; 37 percent approve of his management of foreign affairs; and 38 percent approve of his stewardship over honesty in government. However, the property is government. honesty in government.) However, they are quick to point out that, for the first time, the president wins in

the first time, the president wins in three-way match-ups with Dole and Colin Powell, and Dole and Jesse Jackson.

White House operatives were clearly pleased that Clinton now gets majority support among blacks, even when Powell and Jackson are in the field. Analysts say Clinton's firm stand for affir-



Queer role model and right-wing target: Seattle City Councilwoman Sherry Harris spoke at Mills College in Oakland July 30 and will be speaking in San Francisco September 6. Harris, the first openly lesbian African-American to hold elected office in the U.S., has been targeted by the radical right for defeat. For more information on the September re-election fundraiser for the councilwoman, call (510) 297-5697.

mative action helped solidify his black support. Sources inside the Beltway say Clinton's political fortunes are looking up because of fortunes are looking up because of his speaking out strongly on issues like affirmative action, Vietnam, school prayer, Medicare, and the budget deficit, adding that he is scoring points by staking out a moderate and "higher moral ground" against GOP excesses in Congress.

The 1996 presidential election is a long way off, but GOP strategists are starting to worry that they might have counted "the comeback kid" out much too early. As one GOP senator put it last week: "I like Bob Dole a lot, but I shudder to think of what the 73-year-

der to think of what the 73-year-old Republican would look like debating the Kennedy-esque Clinton on national television with two-thirds of the country's sets

Politics and people

President Clinton welcomed the Senate's vote last week to reauthorize the Ryan White Care Act, which provides emergency relief for cities hard-hit by AIDS, funding for homecare services, private insurance for individuals private insurance for individuals who lose coverage and pediatric AIDS care. The president hailed the action, saying that "this vital program provides primary care to hundreds of thousands of Americans living with HIV and AIDS." The bill must still be taken up by the House, where passage is uncertain.

The president, attending the first meeting of his new AIDS Advisory Council recently, was urged by the group to "make the battle against AIDS one of the most visible and continuing priorities of his presidency." Clinton responded by telling the council that "even in a time of budget cuts, this isn't the time to slow down or retreat" in fighting the disease. The council asked the president to convene an AIDS summit this year.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, browsing in a Washington muse-um recently, was told by an unwit-ting person, "You sure look a lot like Hillary Clinton." The First Lady answered, "So I'm told," without revealing her identity.

The friends of local Democratic honcho Duane Garrett were still wondering "why?" at his funeral yesterday. I

didn't know him well, but I'd had didn't know him well, but I'd had several conversations about politics with him over the years (he always had time to talk politics, one of his favorite hobbies). His suicide last week, reportedly due to financial pressures and other problems, left the national Democratic Party without one of its biggest movers and shakers.

No surprise here, but Attorney General Dan Lungren has already filed official papers with the secretary of state so that with the secretary of state so that he can run for governor in 1998. So what about all those rumors, perpetrated in no small way by Lungren's office, that he is among the "select few" being considered by Bob Dole as his veep? Too bad for California – we thought we had problems with Pete Wilson!

Former L.A. Dodger Steve Sax will run for the Assembly in the Lake Tahoe area (4th District) as a Republican next March.

The N. Y. Times claimed last The N. Y. Times claimed last week that the mayors of the nation's two largest (and heavily Democratic) cities, Rudolph Giuliani of NYC and Richard Riordan of LA, both Republicans, are "so popular and politically strong" that neither are likely to be challenged for re-election.

All California counties need to All California counties need to cut spending, but tell me how Alameda County supes can sleep at night after asking the state last week to reduce the current \$300-a-month General Assistance pay-ments to \$221?

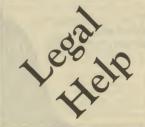
Say it isn't so, Newt! House Speaker Newt Gingrich told a sell-out crowd of 1,000 people at a \$100-per-plate breakfast in Iowa last week – Iowa is the leadoff caucus state next year – that he felt none of the announced GOP can-didates has yet "engriged the none of the announced GOP can-didates has yet "energized the electorate" – and then dropped a reminder that it isn't too late for him to make a bid for the presi-

In Maine, the state's highest In Maine, the state's highest court last week said a referendum on whether to exclude gays from protection under state and local human rights laws (think Colorado's Amendment Two) can be on the November ballot. The court said it was not ruling on whether the measure, if passed, would be constitutional.



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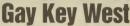
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Random access riffs

by Beth Elliott

ow could I tell I'd stayed up too late at a birthday party on a "school night"? Easy – the wacky string of associations over which my mind wandered in the morn-ing, as I sipped a big cup o' French roast and perused the morning

For example, when I read that For example, when I read that Senator Feinstein had voted for the proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw flag burning. I didn't get my knickers in a twist. I didn't react in the official lesbian and progressive way of proving one's political purity with an immediate show of anger and indignation at the appropriate (or predictable) moment. Instead, I did something much more in keeping with my particular talents and much easier on the cardiovascular system: I made rude remarks.

The first rude thought out of

The first rude thought out of my weary brain was that the Senate shouldn't stop there; it should criminalize desecration of other symbols Americans hold sacred. Like beer. It should be a crime to desecrate a beer. I could-n't imagine what would constitute beer desecration, but I knew this could be a vote-getter. Besides, I'm a writer, and this was a riff.

I'm a writer, and this was a riff.

It was a riff to be milked – but
how? Playing up the manly
American beer-drinker angle and
doing bad Hemingway? It was a
riff. It was a good riff. She wrote
the good riff and drank the good
beer. She drank deep of the good,
rolden beer. golden beer.

Hysterical piffle

Yes, it was early, and already things were getting scary. Fortunately, a more pressing ques-tion was coming to mind: what the hell was Diagna dained. tion was coming to mind: what the hell was Dianne doing voting for hysterical piffle like this? Since her vote was so foolish and kneejerk as to defy comprehension, I could only marvel and imagine, sarcastically, this scene:

"And now it's time for America's favorite new game show, What Were You Thinking? Let's welcome today's first contestant: Dianne, a United States



Well-known flag hag Senator Dianne Feinstein.

senator from San Francisco, California. Dianne, you come from – and represent – a commu-nity with a progressive history and a fierce loyalty to free speech. Yet you voted for a retrograde bill that you voted for a retrograde bill that would make rudeness to a national symbol a crime of blasphemy, in effect setting up an official national fetish. For the first round prize, can you tell our audience, "What were you thinking???"

Commentary

In a similar vein, I can't for the life of me understand why everyone busts a blood vessel when Governor Pete Windsock pulls yet another opportunistic stunt designed to sail the prevailing political winds – like this is some kind of surprise.

Pete Weathervane is going to go down in flames in the

go down in flames in the Republican primaries because he's a politician without convictions in a pontieran without convictions in a party whose ideologues vote. I think a good way to point this out is to respond to each new stunt with rude remarks underscoring the artificial nature of whatever "principles" he claims to be acting on this time. on this time.

While many of his actions do indeed threaten the well-being of various folks and need to be counvarious folks and need to be counteracted, there's something about our automatically reacting with anger that gives his puffery the appearance of weight and substance. And don't think for a moment he's not waiting for that reaction, so he can play off it and portray it as the howls of vested interests whose ox is being gored. What if we consistently made fun of him and said, "Yeah, yeah, what is it this time, what new trial balloon do you expect us to fall for, you blow-dried wannabe bimbo?" His credibility could head south, big time.

Major put-down

There's a three-word Irish phrase I don't know how to spell yet that translates roughly as, "Well, that's just what you are, isn't it?" It's a major put-down: it says the person it's directed at has

just done or said something com-pletely moronic, but therefore totally in character. The more distotally in character. The more disaffectedly it's spoken, the more it stings. I think there's a lot to be said for our being more condescending and less defensive in our indignant responses to political maneuvers made at our expense, especially the more cynical ones. Have we learned nothing from generations of bitchy queens?

Of course, I have an advantage here. Commentary writing, like

here. Commentary writing, like political cartooning, involves both analysis and entertainment. Even

analysis and entertainment. Even if it says what every reader is thinking or feeling, it's supposed to be enjoyable to read.

In my writing, that means flip remarks – the use of humor to remind us neither to take ourselves too seriously nor to descend to the level of career politicians. To do what I do well, I have to keep from getting so caught up in anger that I can't be clever – or profound.

Make no mistake: I like to think I can flame with the best of them. I pick my spots to use my talent for sarcasm (then step back and admire my work). But it has to

and admire my work). But it has to be against someone who deserves it, it has to be fun doing it, and it

be against someone who deserves it, it has to be fun doing it, and it has to be done with style – I want to play with fire, not have it eat away at me from within.

Mostly, I want to stay focused on the main thing my lesbianism brings me: joy. Loving, kissing, hanging out with, snuggling up with, and getting hot and erotic with women – so simple a concept yet so profoundly bliss-producing, to the point of thanking the Goddess for being alive. I'll be damned if I'm going to let any oppressor take that joy away from me and the ones I love (and that includes you).

Complacency can threaten that joy almost as much as oppression

joy almost as much as oppression can. If we go around patting each other on the back too much, how can we be sure the joy isn't really mere intramural self-congratula-tion? Through writing challenging essays and taking contrary posi-tions for the hell of it? There's a limit to how much of that you can do in a paper dedicated to nurtur-

ing a sense of community.

But when your inner child is a precocious brat...



'AIDS Alert' can't buck queer rodeo

by Mary Ann Swissler

A dozen years ago this week, the Eighth Annual National Reno Gay Rodeo went on as planned, Gay Rodeo went on as planned, despite a week-long smear campaign by the Pro-Family Christian Coalition. The tiny fundamentalist group, which did not represent the majority of Reno business owners, launched a virulent antigay campaign with predictable rhetoric about gays wanting to "take over" through the annual rodeo, which had become popular with gay men and lesbians with gay men and lesbians throughout the Western United States. How the taking over was possible or likely was never fully

Soon the group took on a more menacing tone, combining homo-phobic proselytizing with an AIDS scare, in full-page newspa-AIDS scare, in full-page newspaper advertisements placed in the local press. Don Hanson, who spearheaded the effort, warned in the ad that the 50,000-plus rodeo attendees would bring AIDS with them, and called for strengthened sodomy laws. Hanson then called on Reno officials to take "bold action" – going so far as to demand closure of the rodeo by the Washoe County Commission.

Luckily, while local papers were willing to accept the ad, Reno officials weren't having

anything to do with the misinforanything to do with the misinformation campaign, which included assertions that a child had contracted AIDS simply by living near PWAs. In a spirit of "balance," a front-page pro-gay editorial in a local Reno paper ran next to interviews with homophobic ministers – one of whom said that gays deserved to have their throats cut!

cut!
Eventually, common sense prevailed: on July 26, 1983, acting on the advice of the District Attorney and the Health Department, Reno

commissioners refused to act on the fundamentalists' request. Despite 100 degree heat inside the Washoe County Fairgrounds,

45,000 gay men and lesbians 43,000 gay men and resolution attended the festivities from August 4 to 7. Rodeo founder Phil Ragsdale, who was expecting more than 50,000, was so dismore than 50,000, was so dis-pleased he considered filling a law-suit against the right wing group. That never came to pass, but the uproar did prompt Ragsdale to begin including AIDS as one of the charities benefiting from the popular festival's receipts, totaling more than \$100,000 annually

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'Controlled Mayhem' To Help San Mateo AIDS Program

by Kent Brandley

It started as a slumber party – the kind your parents would rather you didn't attend – but by now it's an important fundraiser that will benefit the San Mateo AIDS Program this year. The Tenth Annual Jan Brady Invitational "Beach Blanket Brady," which parodies both television's *The Brady Bunch* and San Francisco's *Beach Blanket Babylon*, will be presented next Saturday, August 12 by The Peninsula Group in the Cove Nightclub at the Lighthouse Hotel, located at 105 Rockaway Beach Avenue in Pacifica.

Cliff Lamb-Rosas, chairman of the event and director of The Peninsula Group, calls the event "controlled mayhem." The Peninsula Group is primarily a gay group, he said – but, he added with a laugh, "We don't discriminate." The group is now composed

of about 70 percent men and 30 percent women, and has a mailing

of about 70 percent men and 30 percent women, and mas a maintail list of roughly 500 people, although event turnout is less than that. At first the Jan Brady Invitational was "purely a social event, but at some point we acquired a conscience," Lamb-Rosas said. All pro-ceeds from this year's event, which will last from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., will be donated to the San Mateo County AIDS Program. Tickets are \$12.50 by mail or \$15 at the door, if available. Capacity is 300 peo-

ple.
This year, Beach Blanket Babylon donated a door prize, apparently confirming there were no hard feelings over the spoof. There have been no complaints from the *Brady Bunch*, either, according to Lamb-Rosas.

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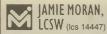


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For whom the Bell tolls

by Al Kielwasser

ea Delaria – the out and proud lesbian comic – recently taped an episode of Saved By The Bell, the popular NBC-produced series that popular NDC-produced series that targets young viewers. Delaria will appear as "Miss Hearst," a hard-edged high school teacher. According to an NBC spokesperson, however, Miss Hearst's sexual orientation "is never mentioned."

Apparently, there is a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy in force at Bayside High, the fictional school that provides the setting for Saved By The Bell. And just like the U.S. military, Bayside adheres to a firm double-standard.

Scripts for Saved By The Bell

constantly mention the heterosex-ual orientation of the program's characters. In fact, since its inception, the series has focused on lit-tle more than the "boy meets girl" exploits of the cast.

"never mentioned" on programs like Saved By The Bell, young audiences are relentlessly socialadulences are relemensally socialized in the ways of hatred and fear.

The message is loud and clear – only heterosexuals are worth mentioning, only heterosexuality is acceptable.

In one national survey of young

tioning, only heterosexuality is acceptable.

In one national survey of young men 15 to 19 years of age, 89 percent said that sex between two men is "disgusting" and only 12 percent "felt confident that they could befriend a gay person."
Television's silence not only fails to challenge such homophobia, but actively supports it.

Encourage NBC to finally "mention" homosexuality on Saved By The Bell; remind the network how important it is to regularly include lesbian, gay and bisexual characters in programming for children and young adults. Contact Saved By The Bell, 3000 West Alameda, Studio 9, Burbank CA 91523,

tel. 818-840-2250; copy your correspondence to NBC Viewer Services, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York NY 10112, tel. 212-

Lousy head

A piece in the July 20 Chicago Tribune is headlined: "No Room at the Inn? – A Dispute Over Gay Rights Tests A Michigan Resort Town's Reputation for Tolerance." In the fourth paragraph of the article, however, reporter Paul Gainor (correctly) identifies the dispute as not involving "gay rights" but "a civil rights ordinance for people of all sexual orientations." civil rights ordinance for people of all sexual orientations." Unfortunately, several paragraphs later, the reporter makes the same mistake as the headline writer, twice using the phrase "gay rights" rather than "civil rights." Even worse, an Associated Press article in the July 20 Boston (Juhe is headlined "Gay Rights").

Press article in the July 20 Boston Globe is headlined "Gay Rights Cause Raises \$330,000." The AP reporter also used the term "gay rights," even while reporting that the "cause" involved was a "referendum that would exclude homosexuals from human rights laws in Maine."

Maine."

Such usage only mars otherwise competent articles. The concept of "homosexual rights" or "gay rights" is closely allied with the empty-headed notion of "special rights." Increasingly favored by homophobes, the term "gay rights" demonstrates a clear bias that journalists should avoid. The phrase wrongly suggests that lesbians and gays are seeking extraordinary privileges rather than basic civil (or human) rights and equal protection under the law.

Send comments to The

Send comments to *The Chicago Tribune*, 435 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago IL 60611, fax 312-222-2598, e-mail 60011, fax 312-222-2598, e-mail tribletter@aol.com; The Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York NY 10020, tel. 212-621-1500; The Boston Globe, Box 2378, Boston MA 02107, e-mail letter@globe.com (comments on the Globe's coverage should also be conject to the age should also be copied to the newspaper's Ombudsman, at the same address, e-mail ombud@globe.com).

MTV News: a real drag

MTV News Unfiltered is a new series that asks viewers to send in their own video news clips, eight to ten of which are then edited together to form half-hour shows. On July 23, the final segment of this alternative news program struck a unique blow for queer visibility.

The segment featured a 22-year-old man who was about to graduate from the University of Florida at Tampa. He debated whether he would participate in the pomp and circumstance, and was leaning against going to his commencement exercises. However, he changed his mind once he decided to make the expe-

once he decided to make the experience more meaningful to him... by receiving his diploma in drag (complete with red bouffant). The "unfiltered" news cliphighlighted "Tweeka's" preparations as "the big day" finally arrived. Although the university official reading Tweeka's drag name from a 3x5 card was taken by surprise, the reaction on stage was generally appreciative. The was generally appreciative. The new graduate came across clearly and proudly as a happy, cross-

dressing gay man.
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First AIDS Hospice In San Mateo County Opens

by Kent Brandley

The public is invited to attend an open house at Belmont House, a newly renovated six-bed resi-dential hospice for people with HIV/AIDS in Santa Clara County, from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 24.

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Belmont House, which is the first such licensed home in San Mateo County, is an outgrowth of a housing committee established by the county AIDS program board nearly three years ago, according to Dr. A. Gene Copello, director of the San Mateo County AIDS program.

director of the San Mateo County AIDS program.

That committee, chaired by Evelyn Stanton, conducted an intensive assessment focusing on the housing needs of people with HIV/AIDS in San Mateo County. Clients, providers, and housing experts were surveyed and participated in focus group meetings, the results of which were used to develop a housing plan.

While the plan addressed the spectrum of HIV/AIDS housing needs, Copello said, two major components were rental assistance and residential hospice services.

and residential hospice services. Now, he said, housing is provided via rental assistance subsides for 275 people with HIV/AIDS each 275 people with HIVAILDS cachy year through a cooperative agree-ment between the Mental Health Association of San Mateo County and the San Mateo County AIDS

and the San Mateo County AIDS Program.

Copello told the B.A.R. the residential hospice component of the AIDS housing plan provided one of the more challenging goals of the plan. "A residential hospice requires financing of construction as well as program costs," he said, "and the state licensure process can be lengthy."

In 1993, Copello said, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Belmont began exploring the possibility of reconstructing a home it was purchasing, to make

the possibility of reconstructing a home it was purchasing, to make it into an AIDS hospice.

Then the San Mateo County AIDS Program, the City of Belmont and other interested parties created a project team; Belmont House has been a partnership from the incention. nership from its inception, Copello said. The City of Belmont raised over \$900,000 to purchase, reconstruct, and license the prop-erty. The San Mateo County AIDS



Belmont House is San Mateo County's first licensed residential HIV/AIDS hospice

Program raised needed program funds (about \$275,000 per year) to operate the services.

In addition to grants, many local individuals, families, and businesses provided donations and in-kind services, Copello said. The local neighborhood reaction was overwhelmingly positive.

"Belmont House is an example of what happens when organizations and communities are mobilities."

of what happens when organizations and communities are mobilized to work together," he said.
"This project has touched many
people, and has significantly
raised the level of local awareness
about AIDS."

Catholic Charities has been
contracted through the San Mateo
County AIDS Program to provide
client services at the hospice,
located at 730 El Camino Réal in
Belmont. Mercy Charities
Housing has been contracted by
the City of Belmont to provide
facilities management for the
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Clarifications and Corrections

The Project Open Hand director pictured with Senator Barbara Boxer on the front page of last week's Bay Area Reporter was Tom Nolan, not Tom Lantos; A news story about the changing Castro neighborhood incorrectly stated that Supercuts had confirmed it was taking over the space occupied by Mueller's Delicatessen. In fact, Supercuts maintains an option and "is opti-mistic" about negotiations, accord-ing to a spokesperson, but it is premature to announce that any sale or business deal has been

The correct day and date of "Country Heat," a fundraiser for the National AIDS Wish Association, is Sunday, August 6; and Detective Mark Furhman's name was misspelled in the edito-rial, which also incorrectly stated that four people equaled three people.

The Bay Area Reporter apologizes to readers for the errors and is considering the possibility of holding Congressional hearings to find a scapegoat.





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This is a gay league formed in the fall of 1992. This league is more for fun than for competition. Teams are 5 bowlers – men, women or mixed. Cost is \$12 per person per week. So, sign up early to ensure your team of a spot. League bowls at 8:45 p.m. on Mondays. League starts Monday night, August 28, 1995.

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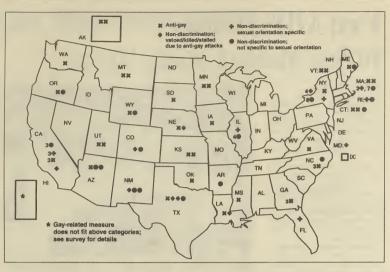
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NATIONAL NEWS



NGLTF Reports on **Right Wing Progress**

by Dennis Conkin

The National Lesbian and Gay Task Force has released a comprehensive survey documenting the growth of anti-gay statewide measures around the country. The 24-page report, called Beyond The Beltway: State of The States 1995, indicates most of the anti-gay measures are focused on what NGLTF spokesman Robert Bray calls "the emotional flash points of education and the family."

According to the report, which NGLTF intends to update and issue annually, 30 states were the site of anti-gay measures or major attacks on gay rights measures in the last year, while 18 states advanced non-discrimination measures that included sexual orientation in some form.

"The survey documents what activists have been telling us all year," Bray said. "The national climate of divisiveness and intolerance is playing itself out at the state and local level.

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"I've never seen such an intense climate of antigay hatred and intolerance in the eight years I've been involved in grassroots organizing in the gay community."

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According to NGLIF organizer Scott Nakagawa, the regressive measures have been spurred by the infiltration and takeover of many state branches of the Republican Party by right wing religious zealots associated with the virulently anti-gay Christian Coalition.

According to the survey, 18 state GOP parties are controlled by a radical right wing working majority [see sidebar], and in four of those states, the Republican party controls both the house and the senate.

Exploitation of children

Exploitation of children

Bray told the Bay Area Reporter that the radical right is exploiting concerns about children to stir up hysteria and anti-lesbian and gay legislative attacks.

Bray cited three measures as examples of the right wing's anti-gay legislative agenda. One would have permitted, in some circumstances, the justifiable homicide of people with HIV in Louisiana. Another, an Oklahoma anti-gay omnibus bill, would have excluded gays and lesbians from discrimination protections: banned all neutral or nositive references to

excluded gays and lesbians from discrimination protections; banned all neutral or positive references to lesbians or gays in state-funded educational curricula; and barred lesbian and gay adoptive parents. An Oregon measure would have banned lesbian artificial insemination. Fortunately, Bray said, none passed.

Other efforts had less fortunate results: a proposed Nebraska state measure to ban lesbian and gay adoption was withdrawn only because the state's Department of Social Services adopted its own, more comprehensive ban. Even worse, Bray said, was Arizona's SB 1348, which bans each school district in the state from using a curriculum that portrays homo-

Arizona's SB 1348, which bans each school district in the state from using a curriculum that portrays homosexuality as a "positive alternative lifestyle, or suggests that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual sex." It was signed into law in April.

Bray also acknowledged there have been some recent successes—particularly Rhode Island's adoption of a measure that bans sexual orientation discrimination in housing, employment, credit, and public accommodations. Rhode Island becomes the ninth state to have such a law.

The state-by-state report is available from the San Francisco office of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force at (415) 552-6448. The national NGLTF office is at (202) 332-6483.

States of Repression

According to the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force report, specific anti-gay hot spots are:

lowa, where the Des Moines School Board debated a proposal that would have included sexual orientation issues in local curricula. The school board action followed protest by a local right wing talk show host and the producer of the antigay video *The Gay Agenda*. School board member Jonathan Williams made national headlines by coming out during a heading. headlines by coming out during a hearing on the measure. The proposal was eventu-

Alaska, South Dakota, and Utah, all of which advanced measures that would which advanced measures that would legally bar the recognition of same-sex marriages in response to a pending court case challenge to a similar ban in Hawaii. Alaska's measure hasn't passed commit-tee, Utah's measure was passed and signed by its governor, and the South Dakota measure was defeated.

Montana, where a proposal would have required gays convicted of simple sodomy under the state's "deviant sex conduct" laws to register with local law enforcement officials for life. A national uproar killed the measure, and the bill's sponsor – who said that the measure was introduced through the efforts of the Christian Coalition – later apologized for claiming that gay sex was "worse than violent sex acts."

Also, according to the report:

The radical right controls state Republican parties in Washington, Texas, Virginia, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Oklahoma, Oregon, Iowa, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, and South Carolina,

Only eight states and the District of Columbia ban sexual orientation discrimination in housing and employment: California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin.

Only 12 states and the District of Only 12 states and the District of Columbia have sexual orientation protections in their hate crimes laws: California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, Vermont, Washington, and

Five states have same-sex only sodomy laws: Arkansas, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, and Montana.

Senate Passes Ryan White Act

by Bob Roehr

The Senate passed reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act on Thursday, July 27, by an overwhelming margin of 97-3. Crippling amendments proposed by Republican Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina were often defeated; the one that did pass was subsequently watered down.

down.

AIDS lobbyists greeted the final vote with jubilation. "The clear message is that this is a victory," said Winnie Stachelberg, senior policy analyst with the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) and co-chair of NORA (National Organizations Responding to AIDS). "This is the Congress recognizing and understanding the needs of people living with HIV and AIDS."

"The Senate proved again that

living with HIV and AIDS."

"The Senate proved again that AIDS is a national emergency deserving of extraordinary attention," added Cornelius Baker, public policy director with the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA).

David Greer, spokesman for Log Cabin Republicans, observed that the vote "was even greater than that for the original authorization, when it was 96-4, five years ago under a Democratic-controlled Congress."

Falling all over the lobby

But the victory did not come without its scars. Vitriolic antiagay statements and amendments from arch-nemesis Helms domi-nated the floor debate, which began July 21. He lambasted "the powerful homosexual lobby" that had "Congress falling all over

demanding.

He offered a number of potentially crippling amendments: his efforts to freeze funding at current levels for five years went down 32-67; his amendment pitting people with AIDS against cancer patients failed 15-84. Baker



Nancy Kassebaum

called those votes "a testament to what we were able to do." The infamous "no-promo-homo" amendment to deny federal funds to any organization por-traying homosexuality positively did pass 54-45. But a subsequent amendment that gutted the intent amendment that gutted the intent of the Helms measure passed 74-23. It was offered by Senators Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kansas) and Ted Kennedy (D-Massachusetts), the principal

sponsors of the bill. The same strategy had been used success-fully last year. "Helms always poses these

amendments in such a way that Senators find it very difficult to vote against them," said Baker. Stachelberg recalled a similar passed with a dozen more votes.
"We have never beaten a Helms
amendment like this head-on,"
she said. "Clearly we are doing
better."

An early vote is a good vote

"At least three people who said they were voting against [Ryan White], including at least one who was scheduled to speak against it, voted for it," said Gary Rose, with the AIDS Action Council. He attributed that to lastminute changes in scheduling, which pushed the vote up earlier than expected and led to confusion.

sion.
"Some people were obviously looking for cover," said Greer. Some Senators, knowing of the later gutting amendment, might have viewed this vote as a throw-away, and voted to improve their rating on future right wing rating scorecards. scorecards.

"Voting with Helms showed a level of insensitivity and bigotry," charged Alexander Robinson, charged Alexander Robinson, NORA cochair, who works on AIDS issues for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He was especially "distressed" to see Republican Majority Leader Robert Dole (Kansas) and 16 Democrats such as Jay Rockefeller (West Virginia) among those who voted with

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Skin Savers

Nearly 80 anti-circumcision activists gathered July 29 in Kentfield to mark the 10th anniversary of Marilyn Milos' firing from Marin General Hospital. Milos, a nurse, refused to perform circumcisions and has become the unofficial mother of the Anti-Circumcision Movement. The picketing in front of the hospital, which attracted activists from all over the West Coast, featured circumcision re-enactments and a laying on of flowers

ADA Protects House Staffer

by Bob Roehr

Thanks to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a press secretary to a U.S. House member will be compensated for apparently losing his job over his HIV status. Taylor "was terminated because he was perceived to be HIV positive or to have AIDS and would require time off for health reasons," the

Office of Fair Employment Practices ruled this week; such a termination is a violation of ADA

principles.

Taylor was fired last December Taylor was Irred last December from his job as press secretary to Michigan Representative Barbara-Rose Collins, a Democrat, two days after his partner died of AIDS. The Congresswoman claimed the firing was part of a six-position cutback following Republican wins in the November slaction:

The ruling calls for Collins to pay Taylor back wages through the end of July on his \$40,000 a year salary, plus associated legal expenses. It rejected awarding punitive damages.

"We are pleased that he has been able to get redress," said Robert Raben, one of the five member steering committee of the Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association and an employee of openly gay Congressman Barney Frank (D-

Raben wanted to make clear that the only reason why Taylor had "legal standing" or protection was because of "the perception of HIV," and not because he was gay HIV," and not because he was gay or black. However, "It would be disingenuous not to acknowledge that there is an overlap in many people's minds between being gay and perceived HIV status. So it resonates with us when we see somebody who gets redress on that basis" that basis

He said the incident "brings to light the fact that discrimination ignt the fact that discrimination goes on, sometimes, unfortunately, among people who are generally supportive? of lesbian and gay issues, as Collins has been perceived in the past.

"The victory is not just for me and my partner but for all caregivers throughout the country who are dealing with a layed one with

are dealing with a loved one with a catastrophic illness," said Taylor. Collins's office said she would appeal the decision. ▼

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Clinton

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of good, particularly in the area of creating a greater understanding of what the epidemic is like now," said council member Alexander Robinson.

Robinson.
Robinson, co-chair of the NORA (National Organizations Responding to AIDS) coalition, said he was disappointed that for lack of time, "the details of that were not spelled out."
The council called prevention efforts underfunded and asked the president to make that a budget priority. But it has yet to answer one of the questions the president asked during his meeting with them – what are their priorities for them - what are their priorities for prevention funding?

Ben Schatz

on Jesse Helms

The topic did produce one of the most heated exchanges of the the most heated exchanges of the session, when Ben Schatz, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, lambasted the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for not yet producing public service announcements (PSAs) targeting gay and bisexual men. The much-touted series, unveiled in January 1994, did not include a single PSA directed towards the largest single group of those infected with HIV. After the CDC representative

After the CDC representative cited possible political objections, Schatz responded, "Jesse Helms has already won if you aren't doing it because you are afraid he will prevent it."

One critic not invited to the meeting was Steve Michael with ACT UP/Washington, who dismissively said, "People are just posturing to be part of this nonsense." He called it "the divide-and-conquer thing that this president and his gay thing that this president and his gay cronies are doing."

cronies are doing."
"Did George Bush or Ronald
Reagan fire their surgeon general
for talking about AIDS?" he
asked, referring to Joycelyn
Elders's removal from her job for
frankly discussing condoms in
AIDS prevention.
The council members, are

The council members are keenly aware of the skepticism with which many view the Clinton administration on AIDS. "I am not here to assuage the gay and lesbian community," said Schatz. "I'm here to push for

action."
"I'm looking to prove the cynics wrong," said Robinson. "I'm not certain that is going to happen, but we are going to try."
"If the door is open, you make recommendations," said Hitt. But he is not prepared to wait very long on the president to move on their recommendations."
"In October," he said, "we will

"In October," he said, "we will be able to tell." ▼

Dr. Elders To Be Sonoma County Keynoter

Former Surgeon General due at AIDS Foundation dinner

by Kent Brandley

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the outspoken and widely admired woman dumped as U.S. Surgeon General by President Bill Clinton, will be keynote speaker at the Sonoma County AIDS Foundation's annual dinner on Friday, October 13.

The dinner is scheduled for the Friedman Center, located at 4676 Mayette Avenue in Santa Rosa. A reception for Dr. Elders begins at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. She will also meet with the press at a time to be Dr. Joycelyn Elders, the out-

the press at a time to be announced later.

The annual "Until There's A

The annual "Until There's A Cure" dinner in Sonoma County will be sponsored by the foundation to raise badly needed funds for local AIDS service providers, said John Voyles, volunteer president of the AIDS Foundation Board.

'Since the government is flat funding all programs, it will have a profound effect on our local community's abilities to take care of those affected with HIV/AIDS," Voyles told the

B.A.R. Elders, who is now back in private medical practice in Little Rock, Arkansas, has concentrated

Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders.

her speaking engagements on "urban rural areas," Voyles indi-cated, adding, "and she's been packing them in, consistently exceeding the numbers anticipat-

While Elders is noted for generating controversy simply by speaking the truth as she sees it, she has indicated to her Sonoma

County admirers she will speak on a message of their choosing.
"Our real message is a message of hope," said Voyles, a gay man long active as a volunteer in the AIDS battle. "Hope that we can find a cure, and hope that we can work together."
He said the dinner would also "thank the people of Sonoma County for their volunteer effort and their tremendous responsiveness to the AIDS crisis."
The Sonoma County AIDS Foundation is a non-profit, community-based foundation, founded in 1987 to provide financial resources for the AIDS community. The foundation, headquartered in Santa Rosa, provides financial assistance to all HIV/AIDS service providers in Sonoma vice providers in Sonoma County. Currently about 1,300 people in Sonoma County have been diagnosed with AIDS,

Voyles indicated.
Cost of the fund-raising dinner is \$50. Seating is limited to 400, and early reservations are strongly suggested. ▼

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1993. Ninety-seven of them did

1993. Ninety-seven of them did not know they were infected with HIV before they went to the hos-pital to receive treatment for AIDS-related disorders. About 65 percent of the patients were gay men; 25 per-cent were heterosexual women, some of them immigrants from parts of Africa where AIDS is

some of them immigrants from parts of Africa where AIDS is widespread. The rest were intravenous drug users.

Investigators said those who were diagnosed only after symptoms appeared did not differ in age, sex, or ethnic origin from those who received early treatment while their immune systems were still intact.

An extra year of survival
Poznansky said among those who were not treated until they developed AIDS, the average interval from infection to the appearance of symptoms was 7 years. From the time they were first treated until their deaths, between 3 years and 3 1/2 years

passed.

By comparison, among those who received early diagnosis and treatment, the time between the initial infection and the development of AIDS ranged from 6 years to 8 years. After the onset of AIDS, average survival time was between 2 years and 2 1/2 years. In an interview, Poznansky said the study will allow patients to make better informed decisions about the benefits and drawbacks of treatment before symptoms develop.

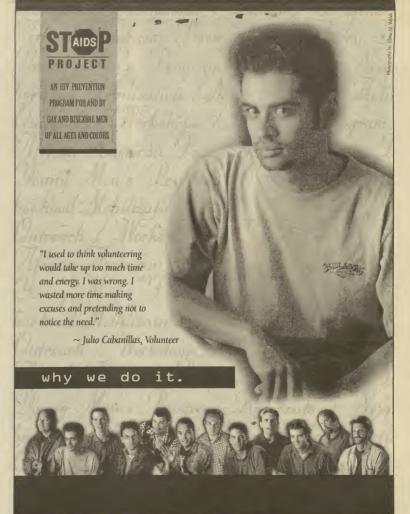
He said that while drugs can improve the quality of life of someone who is infected with the virus but is asymptomatic, they can also cause side effects such as nausea and rashes.

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can also cause side effects such as nausea and rashes.
"In Britain, the word on the street among many patients is that you should only see a doctor when you get sick," he said.
Poznansky said a medical colleague of his who spent time in San Francisco "was amazed at the amount of overmedication he saw in AIDS patients."

He said the results of the research conform to those of

research conform to those of other studies that have shown drugs such as AZT can delay





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Dec. 7, 1967 - July 25, 1995

Pride, a name you always had to say twice and spell to strangers, but you only had to meet him once to twice and spell to strangers, but you only had to meet to always remember thim once to always remember this smile, warmth, sensitivity and, of course, good looks. You left this life far too early, and have joined Mike performing on stage with Garry, putting on a stage with Garry, putting on a stage with Garry, putting on a stage with garry and friend Don. His guardian angels came two weeks earlier to take away the fear of the last few years.

Pride is survived by his mother. Carol; sister, Kelly; nieces, Brittany and Shanna Lee, his namesake; sisters, April and Crysta; "baby" brother, James; his wife, DaKrina; and his many friends.

Thanks to Matt, Tom and friends for their help, the physicians and staff at SFGH, and the VNA of San Francisco.

Thanks to Matt, Tom and friends for their help, the physicians and staff at SFGH, and the VNA of San Francisco. Contributions can be sent to the Visiting Nurses of San Francisco or plant a Gerbera Daisy in his memory.

A celebration of Pride's life will be held Sunday, August 6. All are welcome. Call 252-8380 for details. Pride, you will be sorely missed! Love, Mike

Wayne R. Knowles

July 19, 1932 - July 15, 1995

Just five days short of his 63rd birthday, our dear kind, warm, funny and handsome friend passed into a sweeter existence after a courageous two-year battle. A native of Medicine Lodge Kansas: no



native of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; an erudite graduate of the University of Kansas; Army vet-eran; investment and insurance bro-ker; computer technician; mimic;

father of three sons and proud grandfa-ther of one; Wayne was one of the gen-

father of three sons and proud grandfather of one; Wayne was one of the gentlest, softest-spoken, generous, most delightful, quietly witty, intelligent, well-read and, at times, stubborn, outrageous and ditzily impulsively fun individuals that we were ever fortunate enough to know and to love. He quietly epitomized a best friend.

A 30-year resident of the Bay Area, Wayne was predeceased by his great love, George, three years ago. Over the past ten years, Wayne volunteered thousands of hours with various groups in the fight against AIDS. He would want to thank the doctors, nurses, staff and home-care persons associated with the VA Medical Center/Ft, Miley. Although his gay life was only a decade long, he will be always missed by Todd T., Mike B., Walter L. and his mother, sisters and brothers in Kansas.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries must be typed and no longer than 200 words. Please follow normal rules of capitalization - and no poetry We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar and taste.

If you're submitting a photo of the deceased, write their name on the back. If you include a SASE for the photo's return, write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap. Deadline for *all* obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

Michael John Robertson

Aug. 4, 1957 - June 23, 1995



years, Jack Keating. On Saturday, August 5, Mike's ashes will be interred in Scotty's grave in Hayward, Calif. Call Frank at 474-3624 for further information.

(Stanley) Paul Vaughn



in 1979 and worked at McB's Tall Girl Shoe store from 1980 to 1990, where he out-fitted many of San Francisco's more discriminating queens in quality footwear.

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During the past 13 years, Paul developed a deep appreciation for and knowledge of symphonic and operation music, with a special passion for Elgar, Mahler, Strauss and Wagner. None eclipsed his love of Streisand, to whom he dedicated his teens and twenties and remained loyal until the end. He was an avid movie fan and spent his last five years watching nearly every movie that opened in this city.

Throughout his eight years with AIDS, Paul seldom complained about his condition, and maintained independence, dignity and grace. His final days and passing were made more comfortable by the wonderful people at Hospice by the Bay.

Paul is survived by his mother, Dorothy Vaughn, and his sister, Ellen DiGiovanni, both of Palm Harbor, Fla.

Carlos Luis Rivera Nov. 4, 1944 - July 26, 1995



Nov. 4, 1944 – July 26, 1995

A precious friend, son and brother has joined his partner of 20 years, Donald Wheeler, who died on Dec. 20, 1993, Carlos is survived by his mother, sister, two brothers and many friends from San Francisco and Palm Springs.

Carlos met his lifelong partner, Don, in 1974. He worked as a lab assistant in the clinical laboratory at SFGH in 1977-79 and 1989-92. From 1980 to 1988, Carlos and Don operated a popular motel in Palm Springs.

Carlos wanted to acknowledge with a loving "thank you" his special family: Kathy, Patty, Lorenzo, Joyce, Amor, Beverly, Duggan and his 1 P.M. Support Group. An extra loving thanks to his sister, Gladys, who was with him the last month of his life. Carlos said. "Without their support life would not have been worth it. Donald, open the door please."

Carlos has left us the joy of many wonderful memories that he and Don

have been worth it. Donald, open the door please."

Carlos has left us the joy of many wonderful memories that he and Don created together through the years. In his final days, Carlos battled his illness with the strength, courage and dignity with which he lived his life.

Carlos has joined his precious Donald. Together, they are a bright star in the galaxy.

David Edward Dodson May 16, 1958 - July 22, 1995



complications. He was only 37 years old.

A well-known San Franciscan since 1979, David will be deeply missed by many in addition to his biological family "back East," including Ed Wang, Magda Clast, "including Ed Wang, Magda Clast," including Ed Wang, Magda Clast," including Ed Wang, Magda Clast, "including Ed Wang, Magda Clast, "including the couched, from inimate friends to destitute waywards. He embodied the very definition of love. We are indeed fortunate to have been shown such too frequently forgotten magical fundamentals of life by him.

Though the love that comprised David lives on in each of us and in turn those we both love and are yet to love, his departure remains an irreplaceable loss for both his inner circle and our greater community. Yet perhaps David left us with some final consolation: he died with a smile, at peace, forever...

Services are to be held this Saturday, August 5, in San Francisco. Call 626-9442 for details. Flowers are appreciated, as are any donations made to the CARE Unit, St. Mary's Foundation, 450 Stanyan, SF, CA 94117. ▼

Sergio Navarro

Feb. 14, 1970 - July 15, 1995



Feb. 14, 1970 - July 15, 1995

Early Saturday morning, July 15,
Sergio went on to become a part of something much selves.

So many of us loved and cared a great deal about Sergio; lonly hope he knows this. Among his friends are Einstein, David, Moustave, Naomi, Oscar, Ricardo and Umberto.

In Richmond, Calif., on July 20. Sergio is survived by his devoted and loving brother, Hector Navarro, and Hector's wife, Margarita, of Richmond. Also of Richmond are brother Nacho and his family, and Rick Goodwin, who befriended Sergio soon after his arrival from Mexico City in 1991.

Sergio's beloved mother and sisters still reside in the La Palma District of Mexico City.

still reside in the La Panna Distriction City.

Hasta nos vemos querido, amigo.

Nos dejaste muy pronto. Siempre te vamos a extrañar.

John Evans Kolb July 26, 1995



July 26, 1995

("Jack") Kolb, 54, a San
physical therapist, died July
26 of AIDS-relative
diver cancer.
A native of
Wilmington, III,
Kolb graduated
from Millikin
University in
1963, then joined
Peace Corps in
N e p a 1
Discovering a
genius-level skill
with languages,
within six months
he had mastered

within six months he had mastered Nepali.

Kolb developed and ran innovative Peace Corps language education programs. He also mastered many European and Indian languages, and won a full linguistics scholarship at Columbia University.

Kolb opted instead to study physical therapy at New York University. He graduated by 1974 and practiced in New York City and the Bay Area. He specialized in joint and spine mobilization, which he taught nationwhde. He was known for his extraordinary ability to motivate patients.

Kolb was the active center of a broad and loving circle of friends from Asia, Europe and the U.S. He is survived by his sisters, Jean and Karla, and his daughter, Cade. A memorial service will be held August 5 at 4:30 p.m. at San Francisco's Metropolitan Community Church. Contributions may be sent to the church at 150 Eureka St., SF, CA 94114 for a memorial window for Kolb, titled "The House of Prayer for All People." ▼

ACT UP for compassionate use

by Matt Sharp and Virg Parks
ACT UP/Golden Gate
Writers Pool

rotease inhibitors may be the most promising ones yet created for decreasing viral load in people with e new generation of drugs HIV: the new generation of drugs attack HIV protease, an enzyme necessary for viral replication. As of this writing, there are at least ten protease inhibitors in development worldwide, from pre-chemi-cal test tube studies to Phase III human trials, to expanded access.

The two earliest pharmaceutical players with compounds in Phase III, and in studies, offer their drugs III, and in studies, offer their drugs on some sort of compassionate basis. Saquinavir, Hoffman LaRoche's protease inhibitor, has been in development for two years, and the company plans further trials, as well as a lottery-based expanded access program. The protease inhibitor second furthest in development, Crixivan, is made by Merck, which also plans a lottery for their expanded access, as well as further trials. well as further trials

Abbott Laboratories is the third major pharmaceutical to enter the protease inhibitor arena and the protease inhibitor arena and the only one to refuse consideration of an expanded access or compassionate use program. Although several smaller companies are also developing protease inhibitors, none are as far along as those being developed by the three larger companies.

Protease inhibitors do not come

Protease inhibitors do not come without some drawbacks.

Although efficacy studies thus far Although efficacy studies thus far have shown great potential in dramatically reducing viral load, most inhibitors develop viral resistance quickly (sometimes within a few weeks), reducing the drug's effectiveness. Like most antivirals, protease inhibitors also have side effects. In the case of Abbott's drug, ABT-538, side effects recognized thus far appear to include nausea and elevated liver enzymes. Another common complaint is the

nausea and elevated liver enzymes. Another common complaint is the taste, frequently compared to motor oil. The company is in the process of reformulating the drug. Expanded access is one of the many changes to the drug development and approval process that have arisen out of the AIDS activist movement. The term "expanded access" includes different programs that can be utilized ent programs that can be utilized ent programs that can be utilized during different phases of drug development. Generally (with AIDS drugs), "Compassionate Use" applies to drugs with limited safety data, Parallel Track programs which collect additional safety data on the drug used during the efficacy stage (Phase II and III) of development, and Treatment IND (Investigational New Drug) for compounds New Drug) for compounds expected to be approved shortly. Prior to AIDS, experimental drugs for cancer and other life-threatening diseases were only offered on the more limited case-by-case compassionate or emergency use basis. AIDS changed all that, as hundreds and thousands demand-ed speedier access to drugs that may not be the core, but might extend their lives

The HIVIG history

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Abbott Laboratories has a long, stormy history with AIDS activists and chemical researchers. The late Michael Wright, ACT UP/Golden Gate co-founder, was a formidable force in pressuring Abbott to release its promising antibiotic, clarithromycin, in an expanded access program – unfortunately this victory came after months of frustrating deliberations. Later, Michael initiated efforts for Abbott to continue research with their blood product HIVIG (HIV immune globulin). After the company's complete refusal to continue development of HIVIG, and after Wright's death, the issue was put on hold. ACT UP/Golden Gate after Wright's death, the issue was put on hold. ACT UP/Golden Gate once again became involved with the product at the request of ACTG (AIDS Chemical Trials Group) researchers. The ACTG wanted to research HIVIG's potential to reduce the risk of mother-to-infant LIVI. transpriserion.

reduce the risk of mother-to-infant HIV transmission, and Abbott stubbornly refused.

In order to bring public attention to the issue, ACT UP/Golden Gate held a civil disobedience at the Pacific Stock Exchange, shutting down trading for the first time in history. This action, combined with efforts from researchers and other AIDS activists, forced Abbott to sell its rights to HIVIG. Now Abbott has added insult to injury by not considering any form of expanded access of its promising protease inhibitor, even for

ing protease inhibitor, even for people who have exhausted all other options.

As more and more protease inhibitors came down the pipeline, activists nationwide formed a working group to follow and encourage development of – and access to – this promising new tool in the battle against AIDS. Negotiations began against AIDS. Negotiations began with Abbott regarding expanded access in December 1994. After numerous non-productive meetings, ACT UP/Golden Gate sponsored a fax-zap of the Abbott headquarters. Abbott's only response was to change some of their phone numbers. As of the end of May, no plans for expanded access were forth-coming. Another meeting between working group members and com-working group members and com-

working group members and company representatives was sched-uled for this week, but was can-celed by Abbott with little notice and no explanation

Abbott's contempt for PWAs

ACT UP/Golden Gate member Dean Knutson, one of the frustrated activists working on this issue,

says, "Abbott's cancellation, together with its ongoing refusal to establish compassionate use, demonstrates its contempt for people with AIDS.

"To them, we are only a market to be exploited."

to be exploited."

In reaction to Abbott's continued obstinance, ACT UP/Golden Gate and ACT UP/Atlanta decided to strike back at the only weak spot in a corporation's armor: its net income. The groups called for a national "Spill Out" of Abbott products Ensure and Advera on August 2.

The purpose of Wednesday's action was to inform the community of Abbott's dispain toward in the August 2.

nity of Abbott's disdain toward people with AIDS. ACT UP/Golden Gate held the action in the heart of the Castro, encouraging purchasers of the nutritional supplements to try one of Abbott's numerous competitors – while pouring "Ensure" and "Advera" (or something that looked like them) down the sewer.

them) down the sewer.

History shows that Abbott has been one of the worst pharmaceutical companies in providing access to experimental AIDS drugs. After months of negotiations and the Castro Street Spill Out, activists need you to call Out, activists need you to call Abbott CEO Dwayne L. Burnham at (708) 937-3210; or phone Thomas Hodgson, president of Abbott Laboratories, at (708) 938-Abbott Laboratories, at (708) 938-8228; or fax them at (708) 938-6277. Demand that they start working with community advocates to develop an expanded access program for their protease inhibitor ABT-538, beginning by immediately providing the drug to those with greatest need. ▼ TRANSFER FACTOR THERAPY

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Stephan Charles Guintard



tephan Charles Guintard
Aug. 14, 1950 – July 20, 1995
Stephan died
of AIDS in San
ancisco nearly 45 years after his birth
in New Orleans.
He lived with HIV
for more than a
third of his life,
and felt strongly
that he would have
survived longer
had our government responded to
the HIV crisis with
the urgency it
deserved.
Stephan will be
remembered with
love by his mother,
her, brother, life partner and many
ends. A gathering to remember him is
named. If you wish to attend, contact
spartner, Dennis Billeaudeaux, at
15) 621-1604.

friends. A gathering to planned. If you wish his partner, Dennis (415) 621-1604.

Gary Ebert

Aug. 9, 1953 - July 31, 1995

On Monday, July 31, Gary passed ay at home from AIDS complica-tions, surrounded by his family and friends.



by his family amfriends.
A San Francisco resident since 1978 and a long-term survivor of AIDS. Gary worked many years at St. Francis: Hospital and the Sharper Image. He was a volunteer with the Sharib resident project and was well-known as a certified massage therapist.

apist.

Donations in Gary's name can be made to the AIDS charity of your choice. A memorial is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, August 13, at 1154 Cole Street (at Alma), SF. ▼

ACT UP SF: committed to ending the AIDS crisis thru direct action. 1388 Haight St., #218 94117. Info: 522-2907.

AIDS Benefits Counselors: Professional review and counseling about benefits for people with AIDS/HIV+. Free. For intake scheduling, screening, referral, call 558-9845.

AIDS Community Research
Consortium conducts HIV and AIDS
clinical trials at sites located in San
Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. For a free listing of current trials available, call 800 864-ACRC.

AIDS Dementia Unit at St. Mary's Med. Center seeks volunteers. Call Ed Schultz, 750-4976.

AIDS Health Project: Mixed caregivers and women's caregivers groups; drop-in groups for HIV+ and PWA, more. Info, intake interviews: 476-3902.

AIDS/HIV Nightline provides telephone emotional support and crisis counseling. Volunteers needed: training begins soon. 984-1902.

Bay Positives: Provides recreational and

Bereavement Groups for family, friends and partners who have lost a loved one to AIDS. Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. 750-4404.

Boy + Boy: actions which promote safe sex among young gay and bi men. Tues., 7pm at Stop AIDS Project, 201 Sanchez. 575-1545 x80Y.

Brothers Network Support Groups: HIV and Recovery, Mondays, 6:30pm, 973 Market, Suite 650. Call for schedule of other groups: 356-8140.

Coming out group for leabians: Fit mornings, 10:30-12. facilitated by Nathalie Paven, LCSW. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. 626-7000, x. 127.

Coming out support group for men meets Tues., 6pm at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St. Men of all ages wel-come, no fee. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman, PhD. Info: 626-7000.

Continuum HIV Day Services: an adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Call 241-5500.

tory of HIV Clinical Trials in the rea: free Summer '95 edition. Call

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services: Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs. 572-9702.

FABRIC, a support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and ques-tioning Asian and Pacific Islander youth 25-under, has drop-in every Tues. 6-8pm. GCHP, 30 Pearl St. 575-3939, x318/x504.

Gay Fathers Support Network of Santa Rosa meets first Sun. of ever month, 7pm. Info: Mark (707) 523-6941.

Gay/Lesbian Legal Referral Service seeks gay-sensitive law students as Law Clerks, one 3-hr. shift/week at GLRS office, Oakland. Info: 621-3900.

Gay Men of Marin, Spectrum's group for gay men 55+, meets for a brown bag lunch, Tues., Aug. 8. Info: Jeff, 388-9321.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun. 5-7 pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun., 5-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley, Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled in the second sec

Gay Young Spirit, a new gay young men's social group (18-35) with a focus on spirituality, meets every other Thurs., 7:30pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

Golden Gate Flyers: gay, lesbian and bisexual pilots, 995-4938.

Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics' Drug Detox, Rehabilitation and Aftercare Program, counseling and HIV education, free. Hector, 565-1909.

Healing Alternatives Foundation maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club for health products. 1748 Market St. Info: 626-4053.

Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, now a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs.

at The San Francisco Center for Living, 4054 18th St. 7-9 pm. 252-1666.

Health Support Services for PWAs and their caregivers, Wednesdays 6-9 pm, Marin Treatment Center, 1466 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael. Registration: 457-3755.

Hepatitis "B" Testing and vaccinations for young (15-23) gay and bisexual men, free. 8erkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave., 8erkeley. Sun., 5-7pm. (510) 644-

Herbal Medicine with Robert Nev M.S., LAc., part of "Living with HIV: Chinese Medicine Can Help," free. Thurs., Aug. 10, 7pm. American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut. 282-9603.

HIV and African-American Gay/ Bisexual Men support groups every Wed., 6:30-8pm. 8rothers Network, 973 Market, Suite 650. 356-8140.

HIV Care offers the latest clinical trials from the AmFAR community-based trial network and private industry, free to participants. Info: Sher Vieira, 353-6215.

HIV Negative Gay Men's Support Group in the South Bay: meets second and fourth Wed. of each month, 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. Info: Pat Duffy, 408-293-2747.

HIV Positive Youth Group, 18-25, meets every Wed., 7pm. ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. (408) 293-2747.

Legal Services for Children's H.O.P.E. Project provides social and legal services to low-income HIV affected families. Info: 863-3762.

LYRIC Youth Talkline seeks volunteers, especially people of color, transgenders and people under 18. Call Anne or Olga, 703-6150.

MCC Chronic/Life-Threatening Support Group: Every Wed., 1-3pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St. Free, drop-in. Call 863-4434.

Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group offers ongoing support groups for

e HIV community, partners, friends mily. No fees. Fast track volunteer g begins Aug. 26. 863-1581.

Mothers Organizing Mothers working to change public attitudes and policies on AIDS. Meets 2nd Wed. of every month, 7pm. Call 922-4639 or 221-6651 for infor-

NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt seeks volunteers for archiving, data entry, community outreach, sewing, more. Call Mike Moreno at 882-5500.

Pacific Center: Gay and bisexual men's HIV/AIDS support group, Weds., 7pm. 1250 Pine St. #301, Walnut Creek. (510) 939-7711.

Pride & Prejudice: a welcoming group to queer youth meets every Tues., 6pm, at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St., Suite 201. Call Nicole at

Project HOPE offers HIV prevention peer counseling to gay, bisexual and transgender men of color. Call 356-8114.

Proyecto ContraSIDA Por Vida provides peer counseling, legal assistance, workshops, therapy and housing referrals, free. 864-7278.

We Care Bay Area provides emergency financial support to individuals affected by AIDS and other serious illnesses. Requests must be made thru a Bay Area outreach or social service agency. Info: 282-1911.

Women's Action Coalition is an open alliance of women committed to direct action on issues affecting the rights of all women. WAC meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm (women only), 1380 Mission St., Suite 200. WAC Hotline: 255-6352.

Women's Cancer Resource Center: Support, resource & advocacy group for 8ay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & doctors. Provides indi-vidual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal workshop & more. (510) 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck

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Hormone

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Thorne said. "Of them, two have complications related to wasting syndrome."

He says that MediCal's deci-sion to pay for the drug for indi-gent people with AIDS will stop "unnecessary deaths" and "unnecessary deaths" and increase the life expectancy of PWAs.

The drug works by aiding the absorption of nutrients by regenerating the intestinal cilia and helps many patients stabilize mus-

cle wasting that results from poor

absorption.

"This is a really good development and I'm very happy," said San Francisco AIDS Foundation San Francisco AIDS Foundation treatment education and advocacy director Ron Baker. "It means hundreds of people with AIDS will benefit from the therapy. Hopefully people will feel better, survive longer, and have an improved quality of life."

For more information about RCGH contact Serono Labs at 1-800-714-AIDS or ACT UP/GG at (415) 252 9200.

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Reporter, Katz said both classes Reporter, Katz said both classes will be taught by recognized experts in the field: lesbian relationship classes will be taught by Dr. Lindy McKnight, a woman with a Ph.D. in the field. The gay male relationship class will be instructed by Rik Isensee, author of Love Between Men. Katz calls the head of the property o that book on gay male relation-ships "one of the most important in the field."

The new Minority Group Psychology class will place par-ticular emphasis on lesbian and

agy psychology issues, Katz said.
Lesbian and Gay Aging Issues will meet on Monday evenings, beginning August 21. The instructor is Margaret Cruikshank, editor of the forthcoming Fierce with Reality: an anthology of literature about aging.

reative an annology of iterature about aging.

Gay and Lesbian Studies was organized as a department at CCSF in 1989, the first in the United States. Prior to that the school was the first to offer a lesbian and gay studies class, in 1972.

Katz said most courses will be held at the Castro-Valencia Campus (Everett Middle School, located at 450 Church Street) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Courses will cost less than \$50 per class. The gay and lesbian program is fully accredited, Katz said, so all credit courses count for transfer to other institutions.

for transfer to other institutions.

Katz, with a Ph.D. of his own, teaches several courses, including Lesbians and Gays in Modern

A merican Art and Culture.

A random sampling of a few other courses include Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Women's Health Issues; Homosexuals in Contemporary Films; Self Defense for Women; Softball; Career Exploration; Introduction to Floral Arranging; and Beginning Tap Dance.

Applications for enroll-ment and class schedules are available at the City College main campus, located at 50 Phelan Avenue, and at the downtown campus, located at 650 Mission Street. For further information, call the admissions office at (415) 239-3285.

Study Points to New Way To Make Vaccines

...But just for bacteria and parasites, not viruses

by UPI Science Writer Lidia Wasowicz

LOS ANGELES - In a finding that points to a new approach to vaccine development, researchers announced Friday, July 14 they have identified a way in which the human immune system recognizes and mounts an attack against disease-

mounts an attack against disease-causing bacteria.

The discovery broadens the understanding of how the body marshals T-cells against invading bacteria and suggests a new path-way for designing inoculations against currently vaccine-resistant parasites and microbes, the doctors said

parasites and microbes, the doctors said.

"These findings open up an entirely new ball game as far as understanding how the body recognition on times." said Dr. nizes foreign antigens," said Dr. Robert Modlin, chief of dermatology at the University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine. "And it opens up new pathways to making vaccines."

making vaccines."

In a report in the journal Science, scientists from UCLA, Colorado State University, Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York said they found a second mechanism that prompts the immune system to create killer T-cells against invading bacteria. Scientists have thought for more than ten years that the body begins

than ten years that the body begins producing T-cells when it recog-nizes the small strands of protein on the surface of invading bacteria.

The new findings acteria.

The new findings show that when infected with a disease-causing bacterium, the body can trigger a T-cell response by another mechanism that recognizes the sugars and fatty acids that make up a majority of a bacterium's outside coating.

"The discourant processes exists."

of a bacterium's outside coating.

"The discovery suggests scientists may be able to design vaccines against bacterial disease by replicating parts of the bacterium's sugar and fatty acid coating," said Teresa Soriano of UCLA.

Most current vaccines are creat-

After years of bad news about

After years of bad news about the explosive growth of tuberculosis in New York City, health officials there report an aggressive health campaign has brought about a dramatic decline in new cases. They say in the last three years, new cases have decreased substantially.

The study authors credit city.

The study authors credit city health outreach workers who tracked down people with tuber-culosis – many of them homeless

NYC Gets a Handle on TB

ed by replicating part of the proteins found on a bacterium's outside

shell.

The findings came in a study of one of the world's oldest known diseases – leprosy. The scientists studied the immune response in tissue collected from a patient infected with a less virulent form of leprosy, a bacterial infection that most often damages the nerves on the extremities

The researchers found a mole-The researchers found a mole-cule known as CD1b prompted T-cells to attack the leprosy bacteria when they recognized the non-pro-tein portion of the microbes' outside coating, said Barry Bloom of Albert Finetain

This shows there is a new way that the human immune system rec-ognizes foreign bacteria. We've expanded the known universe of antigens that T-cells may recog-nize," said Modlin.

"Now that we've shown this

form of T-cell recognition occurs in leprosy, our next step will be to determine whether it occurs in other

infectious diseases."

The investigators selected leprosy because patients with the less severe form of the disease have been found to have high levels of the CD1b molecule, said Steve Porcelli of Brigham and Women's

Hospital.

"This seems to help to protect

"This seems to help to protect these patients against the severe form of the disease," said Dr. Peter Sieling of UCLA. "The healthy patients are the ones who have more of these cells."

The idea of creating new vaccines structured around the CD1b molecule is intriguing because the substance appears to be the same in all people, said Delphi Chatterjee of Colorado State.
"That means any vaccine should

"That means any vaccine should create an identical immune response in all people," said Ted Prigozy of

The research was funded by the National Institutes of Health and the World Health Organization. ▼

to make sure they completed

- to make sure they completed drug treatment.

The study found that from 1992 through 1994, there was a 21 percent decrease in reported cases of tuberculosis in New York

City. The decline was consistent among minorities, people with HIV, and homeless people.

-Lidia Wasowicz, UPI Science Writer

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Helms on this measure. He said he has "no idea why they aban-doned us."

"We are going to have to go to members, one-on-one, and edu-cate them as to why this under-mines the CARE Act," said Stachelberg.

Pregnancy testing
One perennial issue is the call for mandatory HIV testing of pregnant women. The medical theory is that early intervention may reduce the likelihood of transmission to the baby, but the social dynamics are more com-plex than the medical ones. Kassebaum had indicated her

support for such measures at a Monday, July 24 meeting with a half-dozen senior AIDS lobbyists. Both the lobbyists and Kassebaum's staff were stunned. Kassebaum ended up taking a different approach, a carrot

Kassebaum ended up taking a different approach, a carrot instead of a stick. She proposed a \$10 million pot of money that the 11 most highly impacted jurisdictions can tap to fund HIV testing and counseling of pregnant women. It passed by unanimous consent

consent.

Ryan White still faces a floor vote in the House, where it was unanimously reported out of committee. That will probably occur some time in September. It seems likely there will be more attempts to attach negative amendments, but their scopes and physrotes. but their scope and character remain uncertain. ▼

Voting aueer

ou can tell by the way "Sneaky" Pete Wilson is cranking up the rhetoric that an election is loomthat an election is loom-ing. Although my faith in "democ-racy" as practiced in these United States has wavered of late, I'm not as terrified and disgusted by the coming contests as I usually am. Dole, the Republican frontrunner, is lagging behind Bill Clinton in the polls, and here in SF, we have a real chance to elect a lesbian

Most people assume that Bill Most people assume that Bill Clinton is dead meat, and I'd agree if he's to be judged on his own merits or lack thereof. But even he might be able to win in a race against Bob Dole. When you strip Dole of his occasionally biting wit – something his handlers have decided is essential in a presidential candidate – you are left with a very boring person.

Nor am I sure that a Dole presidency would be harder on queers than a Clinton one. Dole might find it less imperative to cave in to the reactionaries than Clinton

the reactionaries than Clinton seems to, especially if they keep trashing him in primaries and

accusing him of being too old (72) for the job.

Dole recently released photos of himself running barelegged on a treadmill to demonstrate his health and vigor. Alas, his skinny chicken legs are no more appetiz-ing than Clinton's cellulite-heavy gams. Whatever happens, there seems little chance of getting a president with sexy legs

Commentary

The gay lobbying crowd is divided on the upcoming presidential race. One wing says we should line up behind Clinton now, unconditionally. The other says we should hold his feet to the coals and extract some promises before endorsing him. Although I'm sympathetic to the latter faction, their strategy seems limited by the sad fact that sooner or later they, too. must endorse Clinton.

they, too, must endorse Clinton.

There's still hope for a nicely complicated, multi-candidate election. Jesse Jackson could run as a third party on the left – pretty much dooming Clinton. Or Buchanan could run as a third party on the right – shooting Dole in the foot. Or both could run, as well as a possible fifth, centrist candidate like Colin Powell or (ick) Ross Perot.

In such a cluttered scenario, all bets are off. It will drive the poor

pollsters crazy.

At least Pete Wilson's chances seem to be dwindling. Despite his masterful manipulation of the affirmative action issue, he's been affirmative action issue, he's been plagued by all sorts of bad luck: his throat operation cutting into fundraising and the deadlocked state budget keeping him off the campaign trail. I think he'd waste Clinton in a general election, but it doesn't look like the Republicans are soing to give him the chance. are going to give him the chance.

Mayor Magoo
Closer to home and sooner on
the agenda is our local race for
mayor. Mayor Frank Jordan,
despite a gaffe-filled reign, is in
pretty good shape. My partner
calls him "Mayor Magoo" for his
remarkable ability to emerge
unscathed from what should be
fatal public relations disasters.
He's got a reputation as a nice guy,
and he's a known quantity, unlike-



"Sneaky" Pete Wilson.

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ly to rock the boat or make any big changes in how things are run.
The latest polls show him in a three-way dead heat with Roberta Achtenberg and Willie Brown, with Angela Alioto bringing up the rear. A few months ago, when Willie was still sitting on the fence, the common belief was that if he deigned to enter the race, the

position was his. The combination of gay and black constituencies gave him a basis to counterbal-ance Jordan's command of the conservative West Side vote. Achtenberg's entry has

conservative West Side vote.

Achtenberg's entry has
changed the equation. The same
people who doubted that San
Francisco was ready for a lesbian
mayor when Carole Migden was
the putative candidate have discovered new hope for the cause
now that Achtenberg has picked
up the standard. And it's true that
San Francisco is the one major
city in this country where it's at
least possible. Last year, when the
rest of the country - including rest of the country – including even the Lesbian Socialist Republic of Berkeley – jerked to the right, our fair city shifted sig-

the right, our fair city shifted sig-nificantly to the left.

And while Willie Brown would probably sweep the important gay vote in a head-on election against Frank Jordan, it is unlikely that many queer voters will choose him over Achtenberg.

That damn lesbian

That damn lesbian
Initially I was cool to Achtenberg's bid. I thought it was about time that San Francisco had a black mayor, and say what you like about Willie Brown, he's known for getting things done. Sure, he wears \$3,000 Italian suits, but I've become suspicious of charges of corruption and ostentation aimed at minority legislators. Would anybody care how much Willie pays for his suits if he weren't black? I don't think so.

When it comes to local politics, I'm not quite a single-issue voter; I have two issues: the police

tics, I'm not quite a single-issue voter; I have two issues: the police and healthcare.

Under Jordan, the ex-chief of police, the SFPD has been running amok, confident that whatever they do no punishment will come down from above. This means more "sweeps," where instead of calling on a crowd to disperse, they deliberately try to take the crowd by surprise and pull as they deliberately try to take the crowd by surprise and pull as many people as possible into their net. A lot of innocent bystanders wind up getting taken in, and lawsuits invariably follow.

Willie Brown – or frankly anybody but Jordan – would be less likely to ignore police brutality. And Willie might actually have enough clout to get some police reforms through.

My other issue is health care. While Frank Jordan hasn't gone after the health budget with a meat ax, he hasn't defended it either. If only out of concern for police and

only out of concern for police and health issues, I lean against Jordan.

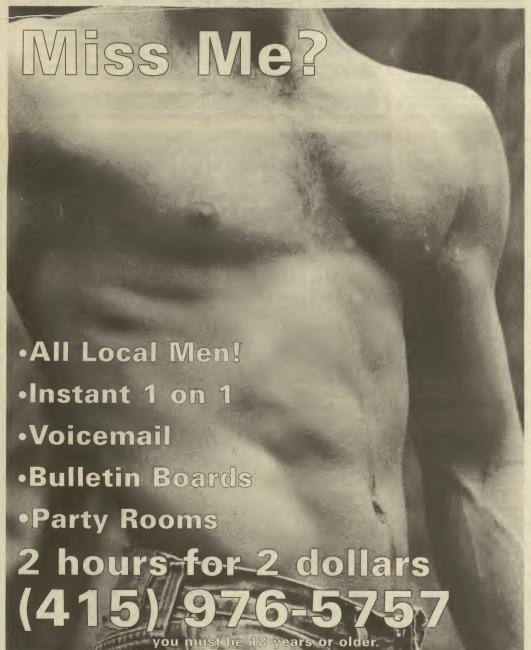
So for me it boils down to a choice between Achtenberg and Brown. (Alioto, the "Lamborghini liberal," has never appealed to me.) And much as I admire Brown's And much as I admire Brown's political savvy, I can't resist voting for Achtenberg. It's not like I'm voting for her just because she's a lesbiam—she seems very sharp overall. But it is the factor that tilts the scale. Given that both Achtenberg and Brown would be good mayors, the election of a lesbiam—of a woman personally denounced by Jesse Helms as a "damn lesbian"—would be a tremedous PR victory for the be a tremendous PR victory for the

cause.
Finally, I console myself that I can vote for Achtenberg with little risk. Unless Jordan gets more than 50 percent of the vote in the initial election, which scarcely seems possible, he goes into a runoff with the other top vote-getter. If the pollsters can be trusted – a debatable point admirtedly – this debatable point, admittedly – this will likely be either Achtenberg or Brown. Thus I can vote for Achtenberg in the first round and against Jordan in the second, if

against Johan in the second, in need be.

Isn't democracy wonderful?

Or at least occasionally entertaining? ▼



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by Brandon Judell

n June of this year, actor Patrick Stewart told the graduating class of a Southern California college that "it's what you do from now on that will either move our civilization forward a few tiny steps, or march us steadily backward."

What Captain Picard of Star Trek: The Next Generation has done recently to advance the course of civilization is trade in his space togs for an over-the-shoulder sweater, matching beret, and a chorus boy lover. We're talking about Sterling, the character Stewart plays in the new film Jeffrey, a flamboyant interior decorator who lives at Barney's, offers up endless bitchy barbs and design tips to the unsuspecting, and advises people that love, sex and romance are still possible in a world ravaged by AIDS. He is a New York queen's answer to Auntie Mame. A sample line: "I was watching these two guys on Nightline on Gay Pride Day, and one of them said, 'I'm Bob Wheeler and I'm a surgeon. And my lover is an attorney. And we'd like to show America that not all gays are limpwristed, screaming queens. There are gay truck drivers and gay cops and gay lumberjacks.' And I just thought, Oooooooh, get her.'

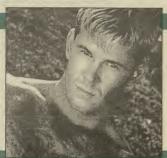
At a recent press conference for Jeffrey in New York, the 55-year-old actor, elegantly attired in shades of gray and a pair of

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Pride Utsav '95: Art and Activism South-Asian Style

Pink Peacocks in San Francisco

by Sandip Roy

the surface it seemed like any other South Asian social gathering. Well, perhaps the men were a little better dressed than usual. Otherwise, it was all there - the flash of silk, the touch of brocade, the crunchy samosa and the succulent tandoori and the succulent tandoori chicken. But when performance artist Tanya Selvaratnam (a.k.a. Tonto Silverado, a.k.a. Pantherella) zipped up her boots and descended on the audience cracking her whip, we knew we were not in Fremont anymore.

Trikone, the world's oldest group for lesbians, bisexuals and

gay men of South Asian her-itage, now in its tenth year, was celebrating Pride Utsav '95 – a three-day conference held last June on South Asian queer issues. The event was attended by over 100 delegates from all over the world.

over the world.

Indeed, the South Asian
Lesbian and Gay movement had
come a long way from the first
newsletters, which were cobbled together on office computers and laboriously photocopied at the neighborhood Kinko's. And there had been other gay men's conferences - Khush, the men's group in Toronto, had assembled in 1993, and Humsafar Trust had just convened in Bombay in

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December 1994 – but Pride Utsav '95, organized by Trikone and co-sponsored by South Asian groups all over the country, was the most ambitious in

scope and aim.
Two years ago when Trikone Two years ago when Trikone organized a cultural show called Tamasha, we had wondered if anyone apart from our significant others would bother to show up to see us sing and dance. This year, almost 300 people attended the banquet and cultural show at St. Mary's Cuthadrale numa le making it. Cathedral on June 16, making it the biggest Asian event in San Francisco over Pride Week. After Roberta Achtenberg, hot on her San Francisco mayoral campaign trail, gave a brief speech, a spokesperson from Mayor Jordan's office got onstage to tell us that the Mayor had proclaimed Friday Trikone day in San Francisco.

day in San Francisco.

In keeping with the "World Without Borders" theme of this year's Freedom Parade, the performers at the cultural show freely mixed and matched culfreely mixed and matched cultures with irreverent élan. Bay Area favorite Sanxe Loveji put together a fashion show called Vogue-A-Rama, which cheekily mixed saris and Doc Martens. Then he went on to do his version of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" - in Italian, English and Hindi - which was ironic considering that Freddie Mercury was even more secretive about his Indian origin than he was about his homosexuality. e was about his homosexuality. Pakistani poet Ifti Nasim came from Chicago to discuss his recently published book of Urdu poems, an historic event as this was the first collection of openly gay poetry to be published in Pakistan.



Where art and activism meet
Good things come in small packages, a concept that is easy to lose sight of in the skyscraper culture of the West. But Pride Utsav celebrated three diminutive figures who cast long shadows in our communities – filmmaker Prat-hibha Parmar, Trikone founder Arvind Kumar, and activist Urvashi Vaid. Both Parmar and Kumar were awarded the Pink Peacock, a newly constituted award honoring service to the South Asian queer community. Kumar had also been recently

KQED as an



Urvashi Vaid

"Unsung Hero." Vaid, who delivered the keynote address, spoke about her own coming out story. acknowledging the parents and relatives in the audience, she hoped that ten years from now at the Trikone 20th Anniversary celebration she would see "my

celebration she would see "my parents, your parents together talking about being queer in the full context of our lives."

For me, Vaid's presence summed up the conference. A familiar face in American activism, she is about to publish a book on the gay and lesbian movement, thus positioning herself at the confluence of art and activism. As fledeling eav and self at the confluence of art and activism. As fledgling gay and lesbian communities caught up in the more "pressing" issues of coming out, visibility, and racism, we often relegate arts and entertainment to the back burner. But they are an essential purner. But they are an essential part of our cultural makeup, of who we are. And our activists are often artists, our artists, activists. When Toronto-based filmmaker Gitanjali used her work in progress on Lesbian Flirtation Techniques for a workshop when were deep tellving. workshop, she was also talking about both politics and art. When performance artist Mohan Sikka from Philadelphia per-

formed Curse of the Goddess, he was talking about sexism and the social pressure to have children

social pressure to have children and carry on the family name. Rakesh Ratti, editor of the first anthology of South Asian lesbian and gay voices, Lotus of Another Color, appeared both as poet and workshop facilitator.

Three days of confabulation and celebration, of applause and arguments, workshops on eroticism and panels on leadership. Where does it leave us in the end? Wise? Happier? Stronger? As one delegate said, "[The conend? Wise? Happier? Stronger?
As one delegate said, "[The conference] was informative and interesting, but I found the mere presence of the folks at the conference the most thrilling."

As I stood on Pride Day and watched the largest-ever contingent of South Asias in the

gent of South Asians in the world boogie to the infectious rhythms of Bhangra and hiphop, I couldn't agree more. A red sari caught in the breeze billowed out like a fan. From a distance, it seemed the pink peacocks were dancing.

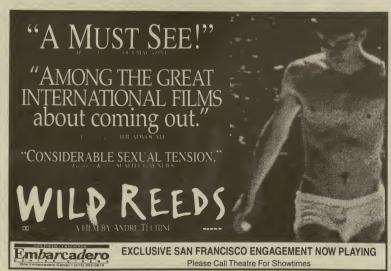
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Drag Journals Go Legit

ross-Dressers Get Read

by Wayne Hoffman

eteran drag performer Charles Busch writes in the July 17 issue of *New* York magazine that this is the golden age of drag. But he is quick to add that despite its current trendiness, cross-dress-

"It's been there since time immemorial. The first group of homosexuals in the Garden of Eden, you know at least one of them was searching through Eve's drag clothes," Busch said

in a recent interview.

What is new, however, is the number of serious magazines on the newsstand catering to the transgendered community. Aside from pornography, mail-order catalogs and personal ad-driven 'zines, several driven 'zines, several respectable national magazines have emerged in the last few years to serve the diverse interests of transgendered readers. Readerships have increased of late, thanks largely to the media infatuation with cross-dressing.

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its interviews and features. The cover identifies the audience as "Halloweeners and in-between-ers"; editrix Lois Common-denominator started the magadenominator started the magazine as a Halloweener, spending the rest of the year as mild-mannered Freddie Bercovitz. She launched the publication as a modest 'zine in 1991, but *Dragazine* has quickly matured into a full-fledded magazine into a full-fledged magazine with a semi-annual circulation of 11,000. And as the magazine has increased its ambitions, so, too, has Commondenominator increased hers, donning drag in between Halloweens with ever-

between Halloweens with ever-increasing frequency.
"I believe that expressing oneself in a feminine way is something that gay people are allowed to do by society because they're already not accepted in many other ways," says Commondenominator, says Commondenominator, finding liberation rather than restriction in homophobia's emasculation. "They already have a freedom that straight men don't have – to feminize themselves if they wish."

While *Dragazine* caters to a

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gay audience, with tongue firmly in cheek, Common-denominator knows that most cross-dressers are not gay, and do not crossdress to be campy. Heterosexual be campy. Heterosexual cross-dressers and transsexuals are not part of the magazine's core audience, although some do enjoy the editor's hilarious point

"I give a nod and a wink to the straight crosswink to the straight cross-dressers who read my magazine, and I do sometimes report on their activities," she says. "But actually I find that they like to escape with *Dragazine* and join the party that the drag queens are having.

Serious and

substantive
Not all transgendered readers want to join that kind of party, however, and they turn instead to Tapestry, a more serious-minded journal for crossdressers and transsexuals. The

glossy quarterly includes legal, medical and psychological columns along-side thoughtful features address-ing transgendered life. Published in Massachusetts by the International Foundation for Gender Education, the magazine Massachusetts possesses a certain weight and substance lacking in its competi-

Under the new editorship of Jean Marie Stine, changes are coming quickly as the magazine aims to expand its circulation beyond the current 10,000. Stine promises to be more inclusive in terms of gender and orientation. terms of gender and orientation, to reflect the diversity of the transgendered beyond cross community beyond cross-dressing and transsexual men. The subtitle on the cover will now read: "For the transgendered, gay, lesbian and bisexual community." "There are great political and

personal separations between the transgendered community and the gay and lesbian community," gay and lesbian community," Stine admits, "and at the same time, there are large areas of crossover. There are gay male drag queens, there are lesbians who are very butch and essentially crossdress, and I'm not sure they realize how much we include

ence is indeed diverse. Gay drag is included, female transsexualism, which is nearly as common as male

transsexualism, despite the lack

of public awareness.

Tapestry's main focus, however, lies with straight male cross-dressers, transgenderists (a less offensive word than she-(a less offensive word than sne-males) and pre-op male-to-female transsexuals. Stine, the divorced father of a 25-year-old son, places herself in the last group, and identifies as a hetero-sexual female born with a male body. In the jumble of confusing pronouns and hyphenated identities, Stine says that some conflicts are unavoidable as the magazine tries to appeal to a widely divergent readership.

"I'd say the greatest conflict

at the moment might be between those who consider themselves heterosexual cross-dressers and those in the gay and lesbian com-munity who look at each other as being at loggerheads and very different," she says. "It is my hope in the publication to show them more what they have in common than the difference they

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Different tactics

While using different tactics than *Tapestry*, *Transformation* magazine is trying to bridge the same gaps. The slick color quarterly concentrations trates mainly on transsexuals and straight transvestites, but

and straight transvestites, but also includes gay readers.

"Gay drag fits in with this because drag is drag," says Ed Sitch, associate editor of California-based Transformation. "There is a commonality, and as for whether there is a camparaderic in some a camaraderie, in some quarters there is, and in some quarters there isn't. But acceptance of everyone else's orientation is what we strive

Transformation is a cross between an informative cultural magazine and a smutty adult publication. News features and arts reviews set the magazine apart from the transsexual pornographic magazines popular at adult bookstores. But Transformation does include personal ads and pornographic pictures in its pages, which pictures in its pages, which Tapestry and Dragazine do

This has led to stronger sales for *Transformation*, with a circulation of 50,000. Unfortunately, it also damages the integrity of the magazine in some people's minds.

While the three magazines

While the three magazines approach transgender issues from different angles, their missions overlap. All three aim to connect transvestites and transsexuals across lines of sexual orientation. All three try to welcome "tourists" as well as full-timers. And whether they view cross-dressing as funny, serious or sexy, they all know that the issues involved are not nearly as simple as the media portray them.





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Flamenco Is Flavor of the Month

by Paul Parish

he's got time by the tail," Sartre wrote in Nausea of a blues Nausea of a blues singer whose courage and defiance of her suffering amazed him. It's been 20 years since I read it, but that epiphany of the heroic has stayed with me, and I always think of her when I see great Flamenco dancing. Like the blues, Flamenco is a popular art that is as heroic, humane, and profound as tragedy. Anybody

profound as tragedy. Anybody can see its greatness.

Some of the best Flamenco dancers currently on Bay Area stages are local residents. stages are local residents. While the star of the big Jose Greco show at the Marines Memorial, Isabel Trevino, is virtually in open revolt (last Wednesday night she gathered up her skirts and left the stage in a fury after several abortive tries to get a rhythm going), there've been sensational performances in smaller venues in the East Bay.

the East Bay.

First it should be said that Greco's men are wonderful, superior to any around here, and if you've been thinking of going to see them, by all means go. They are thrilling, especial-ly Miguel Cañas, a magnificent animal who reminded me of the young Nureyev. He too was pissed at the guitarist, and his dance might have been chopped less into "can you believe this shi?" pieces if he'd had a more simpatico accompanist. But he made a virtue of necessity by making a dance out of his onstage adversity, a tempestuous, wholly idiomatic statement, using the postures and gestures of the younger generation, who've gone a little Hollywood now that Spain is a modern democracy.

Cañas danced a fascinating, homoerotic duet with Joaquin Encinias that had undercurrents of seduction and treachery. Cañas' huge, gleeful grin and feral presence cast a strong spell; Encinias looked haunted. The dance made brilliant use of the abrunt turns the footwork.

The dance made brilliant use of the abrupt turns, the footwork, and the magnetic pelvis of Flamenco to suggest many shades of hesitation, suspicion,

shades of hesitation, suspicion, susceptibility, desire.

What I missed most in the Greco show was the power a dancer must have to build a kinetic argument. A Bulerias or Soleares grows, like a great blues song – says Janis Joplin's "Piece of My Heart" – like a lawyer's summation, or a lover's complaint. Each phrase of the dance builds, turning back on itself, redoubling the power of the footwork, culminating in a pose that asks, "Are you picturing this?" And the next phrase starts from there, goes deeper, the aching back arches more, the hips rolls, the

skirt froths and foams, the knee rises and puts the foot down with finality, and the eyes blaze: "What do you say to this?" And from there she builds a climax, one that makes Medea look mousy, and Janis Joplin sedate

La Pena

Lourdes Rodriguez, La Monica, and La Tania can all do this. Tania has more range— from delicate to murderous, from elegant to raunchy – her style is more authentically Spanish, and her transitions Spanish, and her transitions from one energy state to another are more amazing – but Monica and Lourdes, who performed last week at La Pena (in Berkeley) tap deep into this rhythmic potential. Lourdes also has a red-hot Mama's way of getting down, and a back that will arch forever – I have seen her exit with her back parallel to the floor.

allel to the floor.

Tania is a major talent. Like a ballerina, she shows you what to look at – she moves your eyes across her body, or out into the landscape she's imagining, as a painter moves your ining, as a painter moves your attention across the painting, into the planes before and behind it. One minute it's her whole figure churning; the next it's her little finger, or the heel of a shoe; suddenly, it's the great bowl of her pelvis, slung between her legs like she's



La Tania

swinging a bucket; next minute it's her proud chin-line. The rhythm can be so powerful you can feel like you've come around a corner and almost run off a cliff. ▼

Jose Greco Dance Company is at the Marines Memorial Theater through August 20. Call 771-6900 for tickets





Michael T. Weiss and Steven Weber

Jeffrey

Continued from cover

own in virtually every scene yet know when to yield the spotlight to more compelling performers. Steven Weber is a performers. Steven Weber is a perfect Jeffrey. He brings to the role a wide-eyed earnestness and toothy sincerity, trademarks of a certain kind of TV actor, the kind of actor Jeffrey aspires to be. Weber is also deft at handling Jeffrey's asides to the audience a device. also deft at handling Jeffrey's asides to the audience, a device that gives the film a bit of the comic timing, playfulness and style of early Woody Allen. The problem with Jeffrey is that both as device and as character he is sometimes too predictable, not terribly complex, which consequently makes which, consequently, makes some of us wonder how someone so uncharismatic could possibly find himself in the middle of a romantic tug-of-war with HIV-positive gym hunk Steven (Michael T. Weiss).

One of Rudnick's strengths as a writer is his ability to create a fabulous central character whom he surrounds with brilwhom he surrounds with brilliant supporting characters. In Jeffrey, the scrappy crew of reinforcements is headed up by British actor Patrick Stewart, of Star Trek: The Next Generation fame. Stewart brings the appropriate blend of shameless camp and upscale elegance to the role of Sterling, Jeffrey's best friend and menpeffrey's best friend and men-tor. Sterling (an "interior designer" – don't you dare call him a decorator) has great fun with the outrageous caricature he's made of himself. It's his

desperate hope that the right mix of style and good taste will keep his younger lover Darius (Bryan Batt), a career chorus boy, from succumbing to AIDS.

For these two characters, For these two characters, style is everything: Sterling would like us to believe that fluorescent lighting represents as big an offense to tasteful living as unsafe sex; Darius pretends to believe that the Pink Panthers' gay street patrol is only worth joining for the "fabulous T-shirts." But Sterling and Darius aren't just window dressing. Both offer endless advice to Jeffrey about happiness, love, and sex in the age of AIDS. Like much of the phi-AIDS. Like much of the philosophizing about the secret of human happiness in Woody Allen's *Hannah and Her Sisters*, most of the advice filtered through these two impor-tant characters is made palat-able in the guise of throwaway one-liners like: "Hate AIDS not life" and "HIV positive men are the hottest."

Bashing hypocrisy

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Some of Jeffrey's best
moments come during the big
scenes that playfully digress
from the principal boy-meetsloses-recovers-boy plot. The
best of these scenes is Nathan
Lane's gleeful bashing of
Catholic sexual hypocrisy.
Lane's Father Dan believes in
quickies behind the altar,
Broadway show tunes, and
God's will as expressed
through balloons – roughly in
that order. that order.

Runner-up honors in the

sexual hypocrisy category go to Sigourney Weaver, who

plays the fashion-conscious postmodern evangelist Debra Moorhouse. More diva than prophet, Weaver's Debra asserts the power of attitude and marketing over the uncertainty of modern life. Rudnick's acid-drenched skewering of the 12-step movement's bathetic preaching is red meat for this critic. That movement's bathetic preaching is red meat for this critic. That Debra is dressed in white and her acolytes in beige seems to indicate Rudnick's perception that New Age is just more of the old with a sprinkling of media-inspired fascism thrown in for good measure.

Also memorable is a fantasy

Also memorable is a fantasy call home to Mom and Dad in call home to Mom and Dad in which the parental units appear uncomfortably familiar (for Jeffrey anyway) with phone sex: "Do you like it when they shave their assholes?" mom inquires merrily. "What are you wearing, son?" dad asks, grinning ear to ear.

All of the irony, skewering and hilarity of Rudnick's script suggests that Jeffrey fills a need for entertainments that reinforce safe sex among younger

force safe sex among younger gay men. The film is written from a perspective that assumes its audience is already familiar with the horrors of AIDS and is more in need of a savvy take on gay mixed marriages (positives and negatives) than political agitprop or domestic soap operas. Someday we may look back on this film and think of it as part of a new wave of AIDS films. Right now, we can merely cherish its good humor and intelligence.

Jeffrey opens August 4 at the Lumiere.





In Retrospect



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he new Embarcadero Center Cinema (1 Embarcadero) in downtown San Francisco continues its inaugural summer season with a retrospective of the works of the great Indian fillmmaker Satyajit Ray Aug. 4-Oct. 6.

The series, which features newly restored prints of nine films, begins with a two-week engagement of Pather Panchali (1955), Ray's acclaimed debut film about a boy growing up in an impover-ished family in rural Bengal, and continues with Aparajito (1956) and The World of Apu (1959, pictured), which both follow the protagonist of Pather Panchali as he leaves home to start a family of his own. The three films comprise Ray's "Apu Trilogy."

The retrospective will also include screenings of Jalsaghar (1958), a portrait of an aristocrat whose fortune has been squandered by the extravagance of his forebears; Charulata (1964), about a young woman who falls in love with her husband's brother; Two Daughters (1961), a story of a young servant girl and an unconventional bride, derived from short stories by Rabindranath Tagore; Devi (1960), about a family torn asunder by religious fanaticism; The Big City (1963), which concerns a middle-class woman who disrupts the order of her family when she takes a job; and The Middleman (1975), about a young man whose ideals are destroyed when he goes into business for himself.

All nine films will also screen in Berkeley (U.C. Theatre) and in Albany (Albany Cinemas) Aug. 18-Oct. 19. For showtimes and information, call the Embaracadero Center Cinema at 352-0810, the U.C. Theatre at (510)-843-6267 or the Albany Cinemas (510)-524-5656.



L to R: Bryan Batt, Michael T. Weiss, Patrick Stewart, Kevin Nealon, Olympia Dukakis and Steven Weber

Stewart

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exquisitely soft brown leather shoes, begins our interview by reprimanding the assembled journalists for even suggesting that he'd entertained second that he d entertained second thoughts about playing a gay man. "I'm not quite sure why you see the role as controver-sial," he insists. "I can see that sial," he insists. "I can see that the film might be controversial. In fact, it damn well is controversial. Some people who may not know what's in store for them are going to be surprised by what they encounter. But I only saw a cracking good role. One of the best roles I've ever had and it just happened to be a had, and it just happened to be a gay man in a rather provocative movie about gay men and AIDS."

Stewart, who recently moved to the United States from his native England, was fairly unknown in America until he traveled into the future for them on Star Trek. His face is undoubtedly familiar, however, to fans of PBS, who remember the actor's star turns in hit miniseries like I Claudius (he played the evil Sejanus), Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, and Smiley's People. His film efforts include Robin Hood: Men in Tights, Excalibur, Dune and, of course, Star Trek: Generations. Currently, Stewart is outdoors in New York's Central Park starring as Prospero in Shakespeare's *The Tempest* (which may hit Broadway in the

So, is he nervous about how fans will react to his lavender turn in Jeffrey? Is he worried about the effect that U.S. homophobia might have on his

"I don't think homophobia is stewart explains in his characteristically dignified manner, "although if you were to read the wit and wisdom of Jesse Helms in the last couple of weeks you might be inclined to think it is. Actually, in a way, it's kind of a blessing because *Jeffrey* could not be released at a more appropriate time than now, when the unspeakable Helms is making these statements.

After a pause, he muses enthusiastically, "I'm glad to say Jeffrey is in your face, isn't it? It really is. The first time I saw the film, even though I knew what was in the film, I

gasped more than once.

"But then I have to cast my mind back to the first day of

rehearsal," Stewart says, "Six of us in a room. The six principal protagonists: writer, director, four actors. Three of us gay. Three of us straight. None of us

really knew one another at all.
"We'd been together about half an hour, talking rather ner-vously. We were going to read the script when Steven Weber suddenly grabbed hold of Michael Weiss and kissed him on the mouth and said, 'THERE, I'VE DONE IT. I DONE IT. I'VE GOT IT OVER WITH.'

"That was the moment everyone was most terrified of. The first kiss, how it would be. Steven, who is marvelous in the movie, his gesture at that moment was absolutely appro-priate because not only did it make us laugh, but it brought out into the open all of that heterosexual nervousness about what it would be like when the moment actually had come."

Initially nervous

Initially nervous

If Stewart was a little nervous at first, his unease quickly turned to respect after a careful perusal of the script. "When I first read Jeffrey, while making Star Trek, I was literally moved to tears," the actor explains. "I wept all over my uniform. It's a marvelous film that deals with a very serious subject in a very serious subject in a very serious way. It was something I wanted to do immediately.

"Of course it would be dishonest of me not to admit to a certain nervous flutter in my stomach when I first contemplated this role. It's the first overtly gay role I've ever played, but I adore this character in every possible way."

Stewart shares that he asked Rudnick and director Chris Ashley to "pounce on me" the minute he gave any indication that he was relying on stereotypical behavior or cliché manner-

minute he gave any indication that he was relying on stereotypical behavior or cliché mannerisms. "If there was a fear attached to doing this role," says Patrick, "it was that I was relying on stereotypes. I wanted Sterling to be as real a person as possible."

possible."
When asked how many people involved with Jeffrey are actually gay, Stewart is demonstrative and mystifying at the same time: "I can't speak for the others, but in recent interviews, certainly with the gay media, to my surprise, it's been put to me that I might be gay. There's a genuine body of opinion that I am. Well, I explained that I'm not as far as I'm aware. not as far as I'm aware. Nevertheless, it's kind of a held opinion in the gay community. "I found myself curiously

flattered by this. I'm serious. I'm not sure why, but I do feel flattered. Perhaps in a way, it's one of those things that makes my casting in Jeffrey so appropriate." No doubt Sterling would age.

priate." No doubt Sterling would agree.

In addition to his Central Park stint in *The Tempest*, Stewart is busy these days trying to move beyond the spaceage warrior image he's earned from his *Star Trek* years. He says roles like Sterling are a step in the right direction. His next movie role will be that of a ballroom dance instructor in *Let It Be Me*, are instructor in comedy star-Be Me, a romantic comedy starring Campbell Scott, Leslie Caron, and Jennifer Beals. ▼



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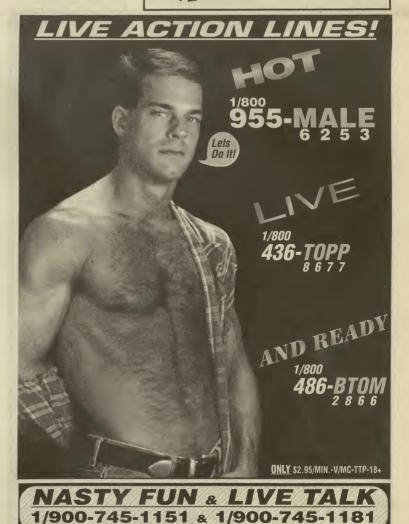
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Big River Is Sexy Stuff, But What About That Straight Boy?

J'Accuse!

by John F. Karı

ate breaking news of a sexual nature: Did you see the ad on page seven of the Sunday Chronicle's first section? There, Chronicle's first section? There, in the Emporium ad for Jockey shorts, is an undisguised, unairbrushed penis! It's so obvious you don't even have to resort to the old trick of turning the pic-ture upside down to discern its details. It's right in your face – a penis! If the *Chronicle* would run this sort of beefcake across from Herb Caen more often, instead of all those gals in pushup bras, I might start reading Him again.

Late breaking news, romance division: Although she made a pass at me at a party recently, Suzy Berger didn't come through. She never called. Days went in and out of focus while I waited by the phone. I think she waited by the phone. I think she had just been toying with my affections. To tell the truth, as stand-up comediennes go, I'd just as soon marry Mark Davis: jeez, those nipples! But he's too good for me. Well, it seems Suzy is too. I'm deeply hurt.

There is a balm, though, and it's in my VCR, not Gilead. To console and distract myself, I thought I'd watch something pastoral. Falcon's Big River seemed appropriate, with its country boys in revealingly

country boys in revealingly ragged coveralls romping around the hayrick on a splen-didly verdant ranch. I always turn to Falcon when I need a dependable porn fix. In either

their sleaze or romantic modes. Falcon almost always comes through – when it's a Falcon video, your favorite stars look better, your favorite dicks look bigger, and the production val-

bigger, and the production val-ues – videography, location, background music, etc. – aren't bettered on a consistent basis by anyone else in the industry. Falcon pulled out all the stops on this one. Shot in a lush countryside setting, this bucolic fantasy of life down on the farm boasts a stable of sexy stars. Get this (in order of the damage they this (in order of the damage they do to my heart): Steve Marks, Mike Chavez, Drew Nolan, Christian Fox, Chad Knight and Scott Baldwin. Falcon thinks they're capping that list with Ken Ryker, but more on him later

Big River begins like a story of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, and ends up-well, it ends up their asses. It's a splendid, gorgeous video for men and boy watchers. Boys like Fox, Nolan and Baldwin, who have such creamy flesh, supple bodies, tight nuts, and assholes that call for dick with a force as implacable as gravity. Boy/men like the indelible Chad Knight. And men like Knight's partner Mike Nichols (no, not the Nichols who directed the *The Graduate*), the silent and sturdy Chavez, and big Ken

The hour-and-a-quarter video teases us for some min-utes with the boys being boyish, their slightly concealed body parts floppin' around, playing peek-a-boo as varying vistas of warm flesh are caressed by the summer breeze. It's sensual and so fun. And when the mood changes: watch out. This opening trio reaches its heights in a Ing trio reaches its neighbor in a double fuck - Chavez into Marks into Baldwin - before they all change positions, top to bottom and vice-versa. It didn't just take my mind off Suzy. It

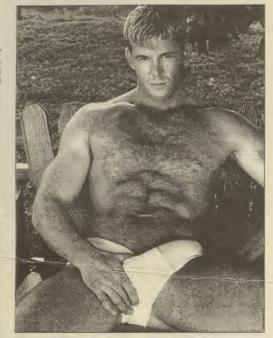
just take my mind off suzy. At took my mind off. Then they all go skinny-dip-pin'. More floppin' around, the boys' members looking swollen even after tumescence. Hangin' ? I'm crying mercy

This striking opening yields to Christian Fox's first scene with the same graciousness with which the delicious Fox yields to Ken Ryker. This tall new "star" has an overly elongated, rippled torso, which is a marvel to watch as he pumps his partner with his overly elongated cock.
Unfortunately, it too is rippled –
or nearly so. It just doesn't get
very hard, so the "star" chokes it
stiff as he can. Still, there are some hair-raising sights in his assault on Fox.

The force of the attack which Chad Knight is able to parry in the third scene is truly exciting. His partner is newcomer Mike Nichols, a dark, butch number who plunges deep and wide. It's a superstar sequence.

The finale brings us

The finale brings us Christian Fox with Drew Nolan. If a thing of beauty is a boy for-ever, these two together are a vista of infinity. Both have the gorgeous blush of youth slathered across themselves.



Big boy Ken Ryker

They have flat tummies, dicks that sprout upward, and achingly beautiful rosebud asses. Theirs is a cherishable sequence. It gave me a reason to live – even in the wake of Suzy's betrayal.

And as for this Ken Ryker: I don't know what it is about him exactly, but something suggests he's a straight boy earning a paycheck. Although he's over six feet tall, really striking, with a handsome face and a muscular chest covered with curly blond heir, he's borning. Worse, he hair, he's boring. Worse, he seems bored.

Is Ken simply distracted? Well, I watched him in two other videos, and his zombie demeanor is as unchanging as his granite looks and unsmiling face. He lacks commitment; he doesn't seem genuinely aroused. His dirty talk carries no conviction, and those fingers don't really know their way around an asshole; he's kind of blunt with the most artful of asses, which Christian Fox proffers. Aha, I said: straight boy. Well, even straight boys need

to earn a living. In a way, they are as innocent a victim as the viewer – they have to be offered these jobs, after all, and it's gay videomakers who do the asking. videomakers who do the asking. The only way straight boys will stop cluttering up gay porn with their good looks, dead emotions and lack of love for their fellow boys is when gay producers stop asking them to. Do us a favor, Falcon, instead of casting boys who get paid to kies boys cast who get paid to kiss boys, cast boys who like to kiss boys. The difference shows. ▼

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Jezebelle



King Ahab's wife, who hung on to paganism even as the masses were convert-ing to Christianity, Jezebelle stands out as a group committed to a '70s women's music sound at a time when most female vocalists

want to be divas in black evening gowns and M.A.C. lipstick.

The Bay Area group's self-titled debut, just released on Warner Music's Discovery label, is a collection of original, nearly all a cappella songs infused with a Sweet-Honey-in-the-Rock flair for vocal improvisation. The best songs on Jezebelle focus almost exclusively on the classically-trained instrumental voices of the four singers, such as "Ode to Syrens" or "Touch." But if you aren't already a fan of a cappella or women's music, Jezebelle probably won't convert you. Some of their other, more lyric-heavy selections can wear thin; the words often seem self-consciously feminist and shallow, sounding like the more preachy scenes from Go Fish. But beyond that, Jezebelle is a good choice if you're looking for mellow dinner music or an escape from En Vogue. ▼ — Maria De La O

Recently returned from the prestigious Montreaux International Jazz Festival, Jezebelle will sing at the Centro Cafe in the Marina on August 22, Mama's Royal Cafe in Mill Valley on August 23, and the Red Cafe in Berkeley on the 24th.

Mesmerizing **Mysteries**

Open House by Pat Welch; Naiad, \$10.95

remember growing up in the '50s in a small, white, working-class suburb suburb of C h i c a g o . Everybody in our neighborhood was not just Christian, but Catholic, and in those days at least, we learned that we were nearly experies while of

learned that we were morally superior while we were learning the Baltimore catechism.

I remember that sense of Catholic=good disappearing the summer that a black family tried to move into the town, and adults were gathering and threatening and carrying on as if some great disaster of biblical proportions was about to descend on our formerly pristine environs. That the black family was also Catholic was seen as was also Catholic was seen as irrelevant: they were coming

irrelevant: they were coming and we were in great danger.
Well, the black family didn't move in, but I remember being proud of my parents for just about the only time in my life. They didn't just disagree privately with the overt racism of their friends and neighbors, they also spoke out publicly against the mean-spiritedness that infected the town.

In her latest mystery, Open.

In her latest mystery, *Open House*, Pat Welch looks hard at families and racism and what it meant and means to have grown up in that terrible time. Helen Black gets a call in the middle of the night – a relative has died, and much to Helen's surprise, since she was disowned by her father years before, she has been left a house in her aunt's will. Helen's trip to her childhood

home is a journey of personal discovery, as the painful memo-ries of the past mesh with certain

horrifying events of the present and she confronts (and sometimes sleeps with)

her demons. House is a very good novel that also happens to be a compelling mystery. That's two good reads for the price of one.

(Note: Naiad's second audio book, Sticks and Stones, read by Kate Buffery, is quite fine. Buffery reads with clarity and passion, and is a real pleasure to hear. I have to say, now that I've listened to quite a few audio to quite a few audio books, that the quali-ty of Naiad's offerings is first-rate. I look forward to more in the series.)

If Looks Could Kill by Frances Lucas; New Victoria, \$9.95

iana Mendoza is a lawyer, a profession that provides useful back-ground material for her

ground material for her real job as a scriptwriter for a popular TV series. She is also of Costa Rican heritage, and more than a little wary of the Anglos (and their prejudices) that she is forced to deal with every day.

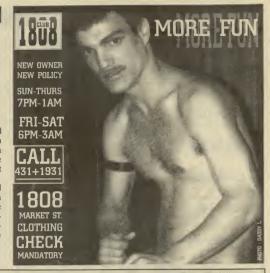
At a Hollywood party thrown by her friend, Pat Cordoba, Diana introduces herself to a stunning white woman, Lauren Lytch, who blows her off with unconcealed disdain, a validation of all Diana's anger about Anglos. Leaving the party, Anglos. Leaving the party, Diana sees Lauren passed out drunk in the pouring rain in a convertible that won't start. Diana's basic humanity gets the better of her, and she decides to give Lauren a lift, an act that give Lauren a lift, an act that sets them both on the path toward true love, true lust, betrayal of many kinds and a very creepy murder with political complications.

Frances Lucas has a real talent for developing believable characters in mostly believable

situations. I especially enjoyed situations. I especially enjoyed the friendship (complete with fights) between Diana and Pat, a relationship charged with the real pain and real caring that good friends share.

If Looks Could Kill is a good mystery with extras, including a painful and discerning leaker the

painful and discerning look at the ways in which the dominant culture creates and reinforces stereotypes. Read this book – you'll be entertained and more. ▼



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Rage to Survive by Etta James and David Ritz; Villard Books, \$20

by Daniel Mangin

tta James has had one tta James has had one heck of a life. She was born Jamesetta Hawkins to a wild-living mother who would never admit that her daughter's father was white pool hustler Minnesota Fats. Etta shuttled between homes in Los Angelse and San Fergusies. Los Angeles and San Francisco, joined a girl gang in the Fillmore District, and began making her mark as a singer by the time she was 15. For many years, she pursued a trio of passions: music, drugs and not-sonice men.

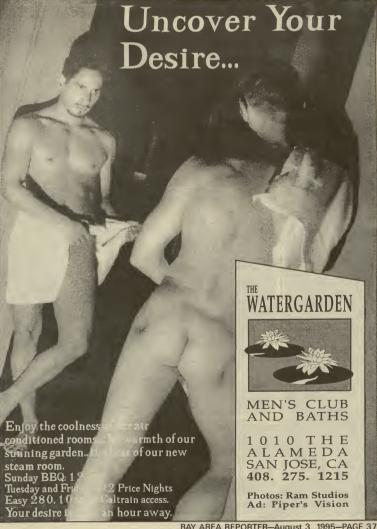
James recounts her life in a saucy, occasionally poetic style. She's not proud of everything she's done, but neither is she apologetic. In her mid-fifties, the singer is only now getting around to reflecting on the com-

around to reflecting on the com-bination of heritage and person-ality that shaped her.

Her first big break came when Johnny Otis, a legendary musician and promoter with "a genius for hip names" – Sugar Pie DeSanto, Little Esther (Phillips) – discovered her and "flipped everything around": Jamesetta became Etta James.
Otis, a Caucasian who "rein-Otis, a Caucasian who "reinvented himself as a black man," booked Etta and her girl-group cohorts, the Peaches, and also got them into the recording stu-dio.

With her first hit, James got a taste of what many black per-formers of her era experienced. "Roll With Me, Henry," a snap-py retort set to the melody of Hank Ballard's "Work With Me, Annie," was rerecorded as "Dance With Me, Henry" by

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Starting An Exercise Progran

by Dianne Aaronson

f you've decided that it's time to get serious and begin some sort of general exercise program, you must first complete some initial steps before you can start an actual

Defining goalsFirst, you must be able to distinguish between short-term and long-term goals. If your fantasy is to lose 50 pounds of fat and/or gain 10 pounds of lean muscle, then put this goal into perspective: it's not something that's going to happen overnight; it is a long-term goal. A short-term goal might be to lose five pounds this month and/or gain a pound of muscle.

Your ability to discern between the two can make or break your program and deter-mine how successful you ultimately are. Be realistic in your expectations. This will enable you to keep your enthusiasm high and avoid burnout.

Second, what are you hoping

to accomplish at the gym? Are you interested in losing body fat? Firming and toning? Building muscle and getting stronger? Increasing endurance? stronger? Increasing endurance? Complementing your primary sport? Rehabilitating yourself after an injury or an illness? It is crucial that you are clear (not to mention your trainer) on your desires here, because each of these goals requires a slightly different partnersh

different approach.

Complementing a primary sport, for example, may require focusing on particular muscle groups (and perhaps working differently with other ones) or emphasizing a specific type of cardiovascular cross training. Individuals recovering from an injury must also modify standard

workout routines to stop stress to the afflicted areas, while build-ing up strength in the surround-

ing up strength in the surround-ing areas for added protection. If you're recovering from a major illness, you must be aware of your limitations – what exer-cises will be beneficial and which ones to avoid. Don't let limitations discourage you. which ones to avoid. Don't let limitations discourage you. Physical activity, if done correctly, can get you back on your feet much quicker than hanging around the house watching TV.

In addition, if what you're striving for is increased stamina.

striving for is increased stamina, you must understand that long-term endurance and/or fat loss necessitates an emphasis on car-diovascular exercise (i.e. rundiovascular exercise (i.e. run-ning, walking, biking, rowing, step climbing, aerobicizing, etc.), not weight training. However, those of you hell-bent on building muscle may want to limit your cardio and concen-trate heavily on weight training instead

Common guidelines

1) All muscle groups should be addressed. The only exception to this rule would be for an individual who is recovering from an injury. It is important to strive for symmetry; this is not about "looking good." The body is held together by various muscles, and it works like a suspension bridge. If there is more tension on one area than another, the structure goes awry. If certain muscles are ignored, they will Common guidelines

structure goes awry. If certain muscles are ignored, they will become slack, inviting injury.

2) Referring back to the suspension-bridge imagery above, flexibility training is extremely important. Stretching not only pulls the muscles back to their original length and elasticity (providing better range of (providing better range of motion and saving the joints), allows blood and nutrients to flow more easily through the muscle fibers, clearing out waste products, such as lactic acid,

more rapidly.

3) Strive for consistency. Life is one big pulse, whether it's brain waves, heart beat or ocean currents, and the body responds well to rhythm. Therefore, even if you can only show up at the aryou can only show up at the gym a couple times a week, be consistent. Going on a rampage and working out five times one week and only once the next two will only serve to confuse and even harm the body.

4) Strive for moderation. Similar to the goal of consistential to the goal of consistential to the total to be total to the street of the confuse and the street when the street of the stre

cy is moderation. It is better to pick a rhythm that you can adhere to than to do too much too soon and burn out. This does not mean that you can't push yourself – just keep a steady pace. For someone who's decidpace. For someone who's decided that they're "finally going to get in shape" and is pretty gung ho about it, you may feel that you're being forced to move more slowly than you'd like. But keep in mind that your ultimate goal is to get in shape and stay there. Don't undermine yourself with too much initial fervor, or you'll wind up right back where you'll wind up right back where

you started.
5) Perfect your technique. If you are weight training, please understand that technique will serve you much better than haphazard form. Don't lose the form just to lift a few extra pounds,

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Etta

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white singer Georgia
Gibbs. Both songs were
about dancing, "It's just
that the word roll had a
sexual suggestiveness
prudes couldn't handle. ... My version
went underground and
continued to sell,
while Georgia's
whitewash went through the roof."

In her own words, Etta "did-n't know shit about business and, for a long time, was too and, for a long time, was too young and foolish to care about learning." She found out quickly that "songs get stolen," and also that the people who are supposed to look after a performer generally take care of themselves first.

This was the sees with Otis.

This was the case with Otis, who made sure he got co-writing credits on songs he didn't ing credits on songs he didn't write, which gave him royalties in addition to his other fees. When she split with Otis in the mid-1950s, things improved for a while. Trying to be more "sophisticated" than her 18 years, she fell for promoter/hus-



Fuqua, ten years her senior, and voluntarily "took my earnings and bought him diamonds and hi-fi and hi-ri sets." Fuqua ended up mar-ning Gwen rying Gwen Gordy, whose Anna Records

Harvey

became the model for – and eventually part - brother Berry's Motown label.

Murky mentors
Still, the money did keep coming in – black music was in vogue. Luckily, she found a new business associate, John Lewis, who "managed the unmanage-able Etta James as well as anyone." Lewis went to prison in 1964 after federal agents busted him for selling drugs (to customers that included Etta).

Like Lewis, Chess Records

impresario Leonard Chess was another "mentor" whose murky dealings call his motives into

question. According to James he "wasn't 100 percent kosher," but he "was the man who kept me from starving or having to work at the five-and-dime." When she was heavy into drugs, Chess protected her interests as best he could, for which she

remains grateful to this day.

James was so totally hooked
by the '60s that if things came
down to music or heroin, "when
I had to choose between the two, I had to choose between the two, I'd put dope first. Any junkie would." Looking back, though, she doesn't feel the drugs hurt her voice: "I'm not saying I wouldn't have sung better if I'd been straight – sobriety always helps – but I can't lie and say dope destroyed my gift."

The next two decades were full of ups (hit records, TV appearances) and downs (time spent in jail), periods of being flush and flat broke, strung out and sober. She cut some memorable records along the way, but missed gigs, hooked up with the

missed gigs, hooked up with the wrong lovers, and generally was her own worst enemy. It's proof of just how bountiful James' musical gifts are that there was a career to salvage when she finally decided to clean up her

Although she revels in her "bad-girl" persona onstage and off, late in A Rage to Survive, James recognizes the roots of this behavior: "I still have a lot of bad feelings about myself. Take my performances. ... I'll rub my hands over my body, roll

rub my hands over my body, roll my tongue, and play the slut. Been doing that shit for years. Why? I'm conflicted."

James has begun to reconcile her conflicts. A Rage to Survive is clearly a part of that process, but the singer, whose latest CD, Time After Time, finds her in jazzy good form, never lapses into self-pity. She may not have come to accept herself comcome to accept herself com-pletely, but you can tell from her book's often defiant tone that deep down she knows she's cool. ▼



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Exercise

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for you won't be shaping your muscles the way you want them to look.

6) Educate yourself in all areas. Know what you're getting into. If you can afford a trainer, get one. It's knowledge you'll have for the rest of your

life. If you can't afford one, read a lot of magazines and other lit-erature, and ask questions of friends and gym members who look like they have what you want. Observe and compare exercise techniques of different individuals. Educate yourself about nutrition and fluid intake. Ultimately, find one source that you can trust.

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end it all comes down to just one person: you. If something does-n't feel right, don't do it, even if n't feel right, don't do it, even it it's your trainer making the suggestion. Everyone is different, and there are subtle variations of response. It's okay to experiment, as long as you proceed with caution. Keep an open mind and a playful spirit. Yes, this is serious stuff, but you're supposed to have fun, too. ▼





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Parting Glances

Castro 8 of A ATM, Sunday 7/8 @ 8:15am You: Black/White stripe uniform *97, checking out my legs. Your chocolate eyes melted me. Wish I had gotten your name. Want to see more? Call mel @ 4801.

Antone On Corbett,
Saturday July 8.

Spoke briefly w/ Paul in front of
Walgreens at 18th/Castro 9:45pm
Tongue tied by your presence, smile.
Just wanted to say "hello" not enough.
Would like second chance to meet.

© 4802.

Sat 7/8, 2:30pm, Noe St.
Though we were both in a hurry, we agreed that we should at least say THT.
Cornversation over coffee, perhaps?

② 4803.

Clark From Castro 22yo
At Nike's Gallery 7/7/95 w/ lover of 2
months, Me: Asian, glasses, salmon
polo shirt, from Cakland. disappointed
when you left for cab. Would like to
see you. Please call. © 4804.

Pride Sunday Eve, Cate Flore
You: wearing Emergency Medical
Monitor shirt from parade. Me: wavy
brown hair and glasses, with friends.
You finally waved as I walked down
Market, then you disappeared.

4805.

Just Dessarbs Church St 7/6/95
Around 5:30pm. You are a handsome, clean shaven brunette w/ a clear smile in your eyes; leaving the store. I was arriving with a bilk man. We exchanged a smile and 2nd look. I'd really like to meet you.

4806.

Mercedes-Bertz
Sunday July 9. Gray Whale Cove. You were cruising me. I was w/ a friend. couldn't approach you. Then you followed us on the way home. Would like to meet you.

4855.

Milke From Detroit
Living in Vallejo.

I met you at Q's on July 7 in Vallejo.
would really like to get to be friends.
You are the kind of man I've been looking for. Call Barry. © 4900.

Cortand Ave.
Thursday, 7/13, 8:45am
You were walking west. We passed
and looked back at each other several
times until we were a block apart. You
were wearing red shirt 5 white shorts,
I was in exercise parts. Like to see you
again. @ 4903.

We've Seen
Each Other Every Where
I'm that handsome, hot, sex, study,
GWM, dude like you, but still to meet.
Seeing as we are so much a like we
both seek a IZR based on love, commitment, respect and monogamy. We
are mutually HIV+/healthy. © 4937.

Dore Alley Fair
You: dark hair goatee, wearing jeans cut-offs & olive drab tank top. Watting in line. Me: dark hair goatee, niped jeans, sleeveless blue shirt with harness under. We said "hello". Lets say hello again. © 4943.

Bavid Livingston
Around mid July 1978, you bicycled around Martha's Vineyard for 3 days. I was very young, but I never forgot you. You were tall blond, around 24 yo. We met on the ferry to Oak Bluffs. Call. © 4344.

I. From South Dakota
Tuesday night, July 18, you dropped
me off at Church & Market after a
group discussion in Noe Valley. Too shy
to exchange numbers, but let's do it
now! Hope to hear from you. J.

5000.

Diamond Hts Safeway
Sunday right 7/16. Bumped into each
other in produce. We smiled tons while
you shopped and I checked out. Me:
dark hair, blue eyes, jeans, green hoodel jacket, Your adorable. You left with
a friend in a Jetta? Call! Ø 5001.

The Cafe Thurs. 7/20
You: Handsome, 6'2', brown hair, blue/white checked shirt. Me: Standing next to the stainway, 5'10', blue plaid shirt. You patted my head on your way out of the bar. Give a call. © 5002.

Daik Street Near Divisadero
We crused each other near Shell station around noon. I was too shy to turn
back and meet you. Saw you at corner
grocery 3 weeks ago, but didn't recognize you. Your smile and greeting so
sincere as we squeezed past each
other. Please call me.

5003.

Marcelle's, Wed, 7/18, Near Midmight
You: Adorable in dark (blue?) shorts and shirt. Me: shawed head and moustache: You sat by me in window seat as! was about to weave. Several looks, but neither of us spoke. Let's remedy that. @ 5005.

Latin/Hispanic Top
You: 144, swimmers build, 7 1/2" U/C
very top answered #4230, WM, bottom to service cock. Your phone number did not work, try again.

© 5006.

7/18 Serramont Mal Food Court
You: WM, in shorts, buying pizza. Me: Asian with glasses. We exchanged glances. Would like to meet and get to know you. © 5007.

Baker Beach
Saturday, July 15. I was leaving as you arrived. We said "hello", as I ascended up the trail I waved and you waved back. I have brown hair and a goatee as did you. Please respond. © 4901.

Russian River Fantasy
Beer bottle, hot dogs. Mixed couplings.
Let's resume with our tongues where
our eyes and lips left off... Discretion
assured.

4902.

Berkeley Shell Station 7/19
You: Big man, big red van with torn sheep skin seat cover. Me: leaving in grey 4WD with friend. Coffee? You won't be bored. © 5045.

Seeking Relationship

SF GAM Soeking GWM
San Francisco GAM, 5'11'. 155*, seeking bright, intelligent, thoughtful, humorous, romantic, no drugs, norsmoking, HIV-, no facial hair, weight proportional with height GWM. © 4807.

Good Looking Boy Wants A Lover I'm tall, slim, young and good looking. If you're a white guy 25-40, well built and lonely then let's connect. I have an Indian-English background. © 4808.

Have A

Bear Magazine Look

GWM, 40, hair, husky, balding, moustache. I'm 55°, 195¢, dark brn hair. I'm looking for a guy 20 to 30 w/ attractive boyish looks for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, walks, Sci-Fi, films, humor, sale versatile sex & more.

© 4809.

Everyday To Be
Like Valentines Day
My name is Jon, I'm 64°, b/bl, 192°,
Iosing, cuddly, feely, seey, huggy, kissy,
comantic. You 21-35, a brain in your
head, NS, ND, HIV-, all races.
Romantics please apply, tike dinners,
movies, theater, walks, and more.

Ø 4810.

Steady Squeeze Pleaze
Mature experienced Dad Joking for
under 35 son to curl up with on regu-lar basis. Clean and drug-free, frust
worthy lad should be French-passive.
French active dad will do the rest. Shy,
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Black Stallion

Bi blk male, 6', 190*, 27yo, muscular physique, thick legs and ass, well hung seeks other black men under 35. Must have nice body and be discreet.

② 4825.

Quality in Vallejo
This trim handsome, HIV. 50yr young
GWM seeks another GM w/ matching
quality success stones. Not into active
gay scene. NS/ND. Quality with out
coneit at 55 "AIP», smooth skin, bi
eyes, full white hair, cute buddy. I work
out at home, with acceptable results. I
go to church also. Call me. @ 4814.

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I'm a gifted and creative serious artist
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4815.

Don't Pull Away
Till you're full BART accessible load
shoots down my hatch, for starters at I
least twice if you have time; I do.

Ø 4812.

Seeking Romantic
Masc Black Top
8y a nice looking, well bit. WM, 38yo
w/ moustache, thick musc, legs and a
round muscular high rise bubble but.
I'm attracted to beefy or stocky well
built men. (Humor A+) ② 4816.

Latino Chubby Seeks White/Latino Chases White/Latino Chases 21vg gay Latino male, br/blk. 5190°, 230°, ISO chaser for relationship & sex. be 41 or under, no drugs, 8 like to cuddle 6 kiss a lot. 1 enjoy walks, movies, most music. 6 hangin out. Give me a try. Ø 4817.

Let Nie Kiss Your Eyes
Let me lick your thighs. Super sexy
man hiding in Clark Kent drag. To strip
off camouflage by friendly, affectionate, honest and at least 40. ② 4819.

Hot Wan Tired Of Bar Scene
Me: HIV-, 36, 5'6', built to please! Love
to pump weights. I don't drink or use
drugs, I have short brown hair, blue
eyes and sculpted chest hair. You: In
your 30's, a top, healthy, into the gym
and ready to be pleased.

48 20.

Tall Blonde Sexy German
WM, 36, in great shape with long mus-cles would love to meet to laugh talk, become friends and see what hap-pens. 8e sincere, playful, goodlooking and healthy.

4821.

Not Your Typical Adi I'm a 28yo, 6', 200°, GWM, brown hair, blue eyes who's looking for car-ing, intelligent land sensitive GM to go out with looks aren't as important as personality. © 4822.

Fm More Brother Than Baddy
More an equal than a mentor. You are
under 25 (or look it), seeking monoga-mous LTR w/, intelligent, sometimes silly, sometimes intense 40yo, 5°10°, 180 €, br/br. All races welcome. ♥ 4823.

Adventure? Relationship? GM Italian early 30's, slim, easy going, fun, adventuress, great sense of humor seeks Latino, smooth, honest, easy going w/ teddy bear personality HIV-, N/S. © 4824.

Attractive
Masculine Latino 24
Im 57". 175*, healthy, drk skin and hair, college student, mostly a top, I would like to meet Latins or whites 23-37 for friendship maybe more. You outgoing and like to take the initiative.

Bay Seeks Socretas
More Than Platonic
GWM student 23, 58°, b/bl, cute 6
genuine, intelligent, stimulating, witty,
boyish yet worldly, mature yet needs
mentor. Seeks together generous man
who can offer more than his wallet, to
share quality time(good meals, films,
outdoors, shopping, conversation) &
create mutually satisfying relationship.

Ø 4826.

V. Handsome Puerto Rician Catch Seeks Latin Lover 31, 5'11', 175, independent & strong seeks handsome, possessive & successful man to whits me off my feet and into your arms. I need a man with a positive attitude. Hell-afine a plus. I'm all good, and fun, too. ND, serious only. Ø 4907.



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look like you know the difference
between a bench pess & a park
bench. Ø 4911.

Intimate Quiet Evenings

Sarah Vaughn, glass of Mertot and you? GWM, 43, HIV. attentive, caring, clever, good sense of humofalthough cynical) who loves to leugh. Jeniyo yethic food, day hites, museums and physical contact. Lkg for sincere man 40's for affectionate LTR or friendship. © 4912.

Husband Wanted For Big Guy Black, Insh & Greek 39, 6', 270*, HIV-, husky build, caring, loving, romantic. Looking for man w/ a heart who in interested in a serious relationship. Tall and muscular a + but not necessary. 4865.

Buffeil EBM 4 Quality EWM
Masculine muscled, attractive and
intelligent intensely spirited AfricanAmerican Exec seeks handsome, versatile, mature, confident, witty, gymtoned, Euro-American Hunk... for sex,
laughs, friendship... maybe more!!!

© 4914.

Orlando Tights
GWM, professional in Florida has sensual fetish for the feel/look of nylon/lycra. Not into drag. Loves the bay area & seeks friends, bicycling, ballet & kitties.

4916.

Bisexual Bicyclist
Kind, 34(but still get carded) Asian. Tall,
fit, N/S. Passions: music, bicycling,
swimming, ecology, politics, good con-versation. Ideal evening, diner, riding
under the stars, then... Ø 4917.

Tin Search Of Music Black Guy I would like to connect with a smooth hairless defined BM I'm GWM 37 mus-cular honest and serious. © 4863.

The Hottest Guy In Town
Even the hottest guy in town is not
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self-Protect yourself of those you play
having anal sex, 6 don't exchange behaving anal sex, 5 don't exchange
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SAFE.

Health, HIV+, Top, St; GWM
Sought be generous, submissive bottom for LTR. We: like weekend sex, outings, dining/drinking, fun. Younger 'brother' needed. Me: GWM, early, 50's, 5'11", 221 * ② 4864.

Just a Regular Guy
Looking For a Guy With
A thin lean body, nice work line 6 ass.
HIV+ about 33 or younger £ into 1 on
1 relationships. I like people but an
8y mainly a loner. I am 160° 4, 510°,
37-32-38, measurements. GBM not up
town type but conservative.

② 4905.

Loneliness is a Sad Affair My arms hold what the world lacks. Me. attractive GWM, 45, 65, 2804, chotabal players build. Your attractive, GWM, 18-35, sim, smooth to moderate body hair nice buns, Sec. I'm a top, ass play, spanking, interests: TV, music, working out, fine dining, plays, concerts. Ø 4906.

Five Been in Love B 4 (O' darling what a bore!) Young (July 11)67, trim, amusing, take-home-to momable, Phi Beta Kappa/oral major seeks slim 18+, big loads for good jobs any where BART goes. Call now! ◆ 4908.

Give To Yourself First
GWM, mid 40's, HIV-, low mileage
looking for GWM or GLM 30-50 for
someone who has lots of LTC likes to
do things together and for each other
and run's on prem, so our motors run
hot. @ 4909.

The Art Of Love is Soldon
GWM, early 40's. HIV+ & healthy
extremely, handsome, my heart aches
to love 8' be loved. I believe in the celbration of love 6 file. I'm a great catch
and I also believe in monogamy. I've
loved before and want to again.

© 4938.

Steepless in Seattle
Lonely heavy set GBM, 36, 6'0', 245#,
seeks lonely heavy set GM any race 7.
TIR. I like movies, playing the piano,
dining and travel. Must be HIVNS/ND bottom. Must be able to relo-cate to Seattle. Serious only. © 5009.

(stop here)

Brat Boy Wants
Successful White Lover
I'm looking for financially successful,
cute, white men who can treat this
29v, very attractive, Afro-Canadian,
demanding lover boy like the prince I
am. Serious seekers and safe sex only.

© 4941.

One Good Man

Attractive GVM, 40, 611, 175#, HIVin-shape, brown hair, blue eyes seeks
smiller gdikg man, to share with, to talk
with and find the secret together.

(2) 4915.

Rare Find

If you are honest, relationship oriented and yet handsome (rare find these days), then I'm (GAM 26) interested in meeting you for LTR. Please be fit £ GWM (26-35) and no game players.

© 4945.

His and His Monogramed Towel Sats?

No, but holding hands, passionate foreplay, sweaty dating, yelf Me: 34, top, friendly, tall and lean mustache, goatee, very handsome. You trim, romantic, bottom (or willing to be).

© 4946.

White Stdn Seeking Dark Stdn 28, 5'10', 180*, attractive, masculine, stable, white dude seeking black or Latino who is attractive, masculine with great capacity for joy, growth, intimacy and honesty. © 4947.

Top Guy Wanted
44yo, 5'8", 130*, clean-cut and cute
bottom, looking for a top for hot sex
and possible relationship.
4862.

Dread Locked Dream Boat
That's you. Chubby WM, 35, seeks
petite chub chaser, fit, any race. Let's
get ready to cuddle! @ 4948.

Amputees

An Affirming support group for gay amputees is organizing, dealing with loath, self-love, dating, appearance, disclosure and rejection issues, etc. Call for information. © 4949.

Tail Handsome HIV+ Bottom Looking for Sexual Stave Are you fee most of the time. Daylime or anytime fin sought. I want to just call or have you show up on the spur of the moment. Do me, screw me, love me, loss me drive me out of my mind. With Hirth Handship attractive bombody, 673, bylgr moustache 180#, 40p. Ø 4949.

Love For Sale

Price is right. A smile, a kiss, a hug. Till, dark, handsome, bright GWM, early 50's - seeking younger aware together lover, HIV+. Goal LTR. Someone special is waiting. © 5008.

Til Do All it Takes

To swallow you full load(s), fresh from factory; for starters, at least twice if you have time. Eager milkman goes anywhere BART goes to collect your heavy cream, call now! © 5010.

World Class Caddler Desired
By GWM, 38, 5'8'. 160*, brown, green
mousache, smooth body. Want similar
warm hearted, sensual, good communicator, excellent kisser, N/D, N/S. You
ok if older, younger, hairy, taller, etc.

© 5011.

Relationship Wanted in Fairbanks Aleska
GWM, 32, 59°, 157¢, b/gr, gdlkg, sees male for relationship, looks not important, the heart is. HIV- and versatile. Very secure, good home, lots of love for the right man. Must relocate to beautiful Alaska. Honest & ND

© 5012.

Snow White I Ain't.. Who Is?
45yo, WM, hopeful romantic Ikng for some wonderful sort of some one N/S Prince Charmings only, plz Age/race unimportant as long as your for real, not into games. © 5013. WM. good looking, hairy, 6'2', 215*(not fat), uncut, N/S. I'm looking for me, only cut. Employed, intelligent, humorous. I enjoy oral high times, giving and receiving. Be 35-50, Let's meet for a beer, or a coffee. © 5014.

Where's A Good Friend?
6′, 24, very attractive, slender, old-fash-ioned, sensitive, AM, cheer with a pres-ence, affectionate and sincers. Seeks friend, age unimportant, WM. Be easy going and sensitive. Youll know why my friends call me "a Find." ⊘ 5015.

Asian Top With Big Cock 6 1/2" Thick

Handsome, sexy honest Asian, 26, 4'10', 115lbs. HIV-, GWM for open mind 18-35 bottom friendship maybe more. © 5016.

Attractive GWM
Scooks Relationship
I'm 38, 6', 185², HIV², with short
brown hair, and mustache, 'bedroom'
eyes, and a smooth body! vould like
to meet other attractive men of Latin
or Asian heritage who are between the
ages of 28-40, N/S, or heavy drug
users. Ø 5017.

Top GWM Editiong
160 # into leather, HIV+, healthy Lking
for pos. relationship with right person.
I prefer shorter and harrier, I am financially secure. © 5018.

Muscle Me
Muscle you. Ruff tuff buff? Yeh? Let's talk! Extra: VA, nipples, worship/religion. Pls be real; I am. © 5049.

Personals

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PERSONALS

Attractive Latino
I'm, 24, 5'7', 175#, healthy, college student, drk skin, smooth body, 1 would like to meet Latins or whites 24-37 for friendship maybe more. You: be, sincere, outgoing and like to take initiative.
© 5019.

Masculine man, 30v, 6°, 190*, strong, muscular, ex-mittary, clean cut, into jock straps. Looking for friendship and relationship, seeks 18-35v WMs w/ flat tops and shaved heads. Into military drag. I enjoy hiking/camping.

Incarceration Puerto Rican
Top, 39yo, brryblik, 5°11', master lkng
for a person to have a good time 8'
keep in touch with 30-40yo with a hot
bottom for good ass loving.

© 5021.

Top Puerto Rican, 5'11", 39ye GWM, bi, gdlkng, big dick, bm/brns very sensual oral creative, you gay incarcerated, like bikes, outdoors, lis-ten to music, opera, moves, horse-back riding. Ø 5022.

Looking For True Love
Young 69yo, looking for true friendship
and companionship, why must it
always be sex, when true love is more
powerful. © 5023.

Older Seeks Younger For LTR
One night stands just does not cut it for me and hopefully you feel the same way and you are 18-40 and can relate well to being with attr loving/caring man of 71 both in and out of bed.

© 5024.

GWM, 56°, 145*, athletic, usually serious, semi-professional, student: seeking friend who is similar, 30-40, prefer N/S, N/D, N/A (or moderate A), HIV. Let's compare notes. ② 5025.

FTM Pani
SWM Genetic 32, 5117, 250*, seeking
FTM companion for dinner, movies, hanging out, cuddling and good times.
Possible LTR. Give me a try.

© 5046.

Any Race, Inexperienced, Too Shy, Fat
To intelligent to like promiscuity, too skeptical to believe in quasi-heterosex-ual coupledom, sought by 3 men monogamous 13 years. Intellect improves with age. Look deteriorate. Invest well. © 5047.

HIV+, GWM Seeks Same in SF You: Top, healthy, want LTR. We: like weekend dating, drinking, dning, hot natural' sex, affection. Me bottom southern, 50ish, generous romantic, 5'11', 222" of non-attitude. © 5048.

The Hottest Guy in Town
Even the hottest guy in town is not
worth you risking your health over piles
self Protect yourself ôt those you play
with. Always wear a condom when
having and sex. 6 don't exchange bodity fluids. If you're HIY+, don't panic,
get any't treatment, talk to someone
that can help, ô still play sale.

O SAFE.

Seeking **Adventure**

Travel Companion and/or GWM connection wanted Sept/Oct. © 4836.

Fuck Master
Greek Active male, 6'1", 185*, 35yo,
HIV-, muscular physique, likes to plow
but of ectomorph, thin veiny muscle
guys. Was board abdominal and veiny
arms a real plus.

4827.

Washboard Abdominal

Versatile top hunk, 185≠, 35yo, muscular physique, loves lean and mean
guys 18-40 with very defined washboard abdominal, "6 packs", low body
fat for sexual adventure, be part of my
wild fetish!

② 4828.

Asian Sex Buddy
GAM sought by hot bracial Asian. I'm
35, 5'6", blk/bm, medium build, HIV-,
very passionate, fun, friendly, versatile.
Let's fuck, suck and have lusty Asian
sex. @ 4829.

Carring is Straring
GWM, HIV-, looking for same 30-50 to
share the things of life love care, concern for each other. Doing things
together and for each other. Sex is
frosting on the cake.

4830.

Hot Safe Sax Party
Monthly, 15-20 hot guys per group,
very selective, must be very goodlooking and have great body. Check clothes
except underwear/shorts at door. You
won't be disappointed.

4831.

Movice Bottom
Me: 55, 5'9', 1403 br/br, HIV-j, smooth body GHM seeks younger GWM to bp his bottom. You patient, average size tool to go where no man has dared. Underwear fetish plusl \$\to\$ 4832.

HIV+, Capricorn, Stoner Top Wanted
Single Taurus, 33, blonde, blue, 6*, 185*, in Concord seeks soul mate. You have brown eyes moustache, and can roll by hand!
4833.

Stablement For Horse Hung Men.

Masc. mature, husby, GWM seeks men hung extra long and thick that need servicing. Deep throat and great butt, you choice. Age and race not important. © 4834.

Small/Smallest?
BiVM, 5'6', 135*, 6'x'6'
G/BiV/L/A suck fuck party people to play share care. How about 69 then go from there. Mouth to cock. Yes.

Ø 4835.

The Hottest Guy in Town
Even the hottest guy in town is not
worth you risking your health over play
salel Protect yourself 8 those you play
with. Always wear a condom when
having anal sav. 6 don't exchange bodily fluids. If you're HIY+, don't panic,
get early treatment, talk to someone
that can help, 6 still play safe.
OF SAFE.

Hey Ceach

44, 5'8', 1653, flaming introvert, gym
regular, serious beginning bob
builder, wants 40+ present/former
gym trainer or current weight liffer to
train with 9 play with. Supervise workout, then reward me. Do I get to lick
your nuts, or will you tie me down 6
strap my bare ass? Please be warm,
relaxed, creatively sadistic, enforce
shaving/dress requirts. May I cum, or
must I retain sperm till next workout?

4838.

East Bay
Misscie Blauty
Good looking masculine GVM, new to
muscle scene, seeks hot gym buddy
for morning vortouts. In 792, 61'1 and
195#, chest 43, weist 34, arms 15.
Seriously trying for the poes of death,
buns of steel look. Want expenenced
muscle stud or young buck to spot me.
Ebay only. ② 4840.

GWM, 30's seeks S. African man smooth chest, lite skin, affectionate. HIV-. Me: Slim Italian lite eyes curious. NS. Ø 4847.

Three-Way?
Ever wonder how to discretely arrange a 3-way? Me too. It seems that what is needed is a coordinator to match interests... so, I thought why not? Call with detailed information(description, HIV, interests) and what/who you're looking for Late 20's-mid 40's. Why not? © 4849.

Hot Hairy, Tight Latino Ass Looking for top GBM who enjoys fuck-ing Latino ass. I am slender & hot. I like a big fat dick in my man's hole. Weekends pm. © 4850.

Over-Saxed Bottom
Needs Top
Clean-cut cute and well hung 44yo bottom 5'8', 130# looking for well-hung,
good looking top who can't get
enough! 4857.

Hot Spanking
Husky GWM, 52, seeks in-shape guy
who likes to be spanked, rimmed, and
orally done. Ebay only, married, uncut,
ok. You know you need it. © 4844.

Hot Massage Needed
Desire erotic nude massage by slender
man 18-30, long hair a plus. Prefer if
you live close to downtown. I am 42,
6'3., 190*, GWM, 8 1/2, uncut.
Please call and describe yourself and
leave number. @ 4858.

I Have An Itch To Scratch
Total bottom with hot ass is looking for a hung top man to fulfill m y needs. You be under 40, inshape, HIV-, and love to kiss and fuck. I'm 32, 5"11", stocky, blonde, moustache, good looking and safe. © 4860.

Helihole Domination

By devilish dick fuck master, 6'1", 185*, 35yo, muscular. Bare butt bottoms must be thin and muscular, 18-40yo. Blondes especially wanted.

4921.

Leather Dad
Wants to Puruy You Up
Smooth, swimmer-built, young leather
dad, with pump, looking for well-built,
hairy-chested, trim-bearded men into
expanding their horizons and exhibiing their successes. Enjoy its, smoke,
leather and aroma.
② 4935.

Huge Uncut Latino Warned!! GWM, 40, 5'8', 1503, bearded, hairy, dark blond short hair, blue eyes and hungry to service huge uncut latino dick. Will suck you hard then you can work it into my hole. NS, ND and mas-culine only! Call now!!

4936.

Gay Men Crossing
The Bridge Of Love
The Bridge Of Love
GWM early 40s, HIV+/healthy
extremely handsome has had the
experience of the beauty of falling in
love before and I want to experience
this again. Passionate, romantic, very
monogamous oriented! The most
rewarding exp of life.

€ 4939.

Black Brat Boy Wants Successful White Knight
I'm a Afro-Canadian, 29y, awfully adorable, bratly lover boy. I want attractive white male lovers who are financially stable and giving to be my white Prince. Safe sex and honesty a must. © 4942.

Interest in County Western Bancing
GWM, mid-forties, seeks GWM to teach me country western dancing. I'm too shy to go out two-stepping until five had a few lessons. So, how about it, cowboy? Ø 5027.

Masculine
Passborath/#U+
Living with HIV doesn't mean giving up
passionate sexual encounters. Strong
spirited GWM versalile top, seeks
counter part. I'm late 30's, 5'9', 170*,
balding brown, baby blue, goatee, built
hairy chest. © 5033.

Addicted to Big Cocks
My horry hairy tight delicious ass and horry mouth need your big cock. Me: GAM, masculine, cute, and 20's, 5'6'. 124*, HIV-, tasty uncut. You: top latino or black, have a big cock, uncut and mustache a plus. HIV-. Ø 5034.

Brown & Brown
Attractive, healthy 30yo, 6'2', 21ebm/bl, smooth, medium bull. Seeks
bm/bl, smooth, medium bull. Seeks
self, and Mast be NS/MD and not in
the scene fra mostly an oral top, but in
want to service your boylsh cock
Smaller endowed, cut and shy, is cool.
Also into massage, cuddling and kissing the right guy. Total discretion
assured. Weve fantasized about this,
now lets do it!

5035.

Spank We
Rim me, blow me, GWM, 46, 5'8'
160*. Age race unimportant. Talent more important than looks. HIV-, ND.

② 5036.

Free Quality Massage
For cute young guys who take good care of themselves. Great for straight & bicurious. I'm 6'2', 175'', goodlooking, 41, masculine, A safe, pleasurable experience. Table. © 5037.

East Bay F°ck Buddy
GB/M, 40, 6°, 9°, top, HIV-, seeks nasty
ass boy who likes it wild, big ball A+,
18-35, Latino, BM. WM. be discreet.
Early morning or late night, let me ride
you like a horse boy. Ø 5053.

Still only 98 per minute to respond to ads! Available only in the Bay Area on touch-tone telephones. You must be at least 18 y/o to call.

Handsome, built man likes your many tattoos and hairy stomach, show them to me and we both get off as appreciate you blue-collar look and tattooed hairy masculinity. No other requirements. **© 4929.**

Leather Fetish GWM, 34, 56°, 150°, bld/blu from Boston visiting SF in Oct. Heavy Leather Fetish (no S & M) boots/chaps/gloves seeks gentle/Caring GM 25-45 for SS or relationship NS/ND who share similar interest in leather. @ 4930.

The Hottest Cary in Town
Even the hottest guy in town is
worth you risking your health over play
safe! Protect yourself 6 those you play
with. Always wear a condorn when
having anal sax. 6 don't exchange bodify fluds. If you're HIV+, don't panic,
get early treatment, talk to someone
that can help, 9 still play safe.

© SAFE.

Well Needed Spanking
GWM, 35yo, 130*, looking for the one who will give that well needed long spanking to me. My punishment is now due to me.

4931.

Punching 8. Whacking 0ff
Tough, muscled, chrome-domed, very
hairy, hark-hitting leatherman seeking
same (no smoothes) into intense J/O.
CBT while swapping gloved or barefistde punches to gut, chest his, jaw,
other rough action. Can you take as
much as you and dish out? Let's push
it @ 4932.

Bonutage Sting
FF slave, fit, 59, 5'11', beard, tatts, sks
serious SM topfist, do your thing, your
way, your limits. Any age, race, Top
couples welcome. Deep, wide fast,
hard, piston punch, make it blubber.
Beer, pot and butt hole brain wash.
6'9 4933.

To Sir With Love
GWM, extremely handsome top boy
seeks hot bottom daddy to love, honor,
respect & obey. To have to hold, in
good times & bad, for rich or poor, in
sickness & in health until dasht do we
part. These are my solemn vows.
Mutual HIV+/healthy & monogamous.

② 4940

Cock, balls, pecs, back, butt, head trimmed-saved. My place, oil massage pos. after shave. Me: 5*11*, 165*, muscular, 34yo. You: GW/LM, hairy. © 5038.

Skin Tights
Handsome, smooth, 5'9', 150#, bm/brn, 34, seeks others like me into nylon, spandex, lycra, under gear, tights for mutual sensual pleasuring. © 5039.

ISS 40+, CBT Top Into serious dilation sounds (13mm easy go for 18mm = 3/41) bondage & force finger fuck it. Stretch it to your dick size, am equipt. Caths, sounds, enfusions, subinicision, etc. WM, 59, 511", 165+", tatuo

Tiop W/8 Guy Wanted
Thirsty bottom needs shower/drink.
W/M, HIV-, 5'11', 155*, Guys with UC
dick and generous skin to hold load a+,
but into all. © 5041.

Wanted Businessman
Type Bottoms
Scat top into getting serviced by tall,
40's slim men, I'm 40 hairy, neg, good
built getting dirty.

5042.

Large Shaved Bodies
Tall w/ shaved M seeks those with tall large completely saved bodies. 6° or taller and 200* or heavier or close. Have cam-corder. © 5043.

Padding/Jockey Shorts
Top, will spank & paddle you. Me 45, 5'11', 180 * You trim vocal/oral. Plead with me to let you leave them on.
© 5051.

You: Enemas are your main sex gratification, age 20 to 50, must give and receive, experienced, have own equipment, spanking, dildoes. Me: Same, have equipped playroom. © 5052.

Couples

Looking For 3 Ways All The Wrong Places.
Lovers, 31, blond, w/ blue eyes, 38 brown. w/ brown eyes both good looking in the place of the

Other

Quiet bookish senior GWM who delights in old buildings and young people seeks companion of any age for trip to Brazil © 4867.

An Indocent Proposal this GWM early 40's, HIV*, extremely handsome 5 healthy proposes to steel your heart and lead the way to holy monogamous matrimory, and show you the benefits of having a partner to love, honor, respect, and obey.

② 4351.

1-900-844-2227

CBM Seeks Big Dick
Attractive, GBM, 40's HIV-, seeks
GWM 48 to 65 hairy, husky and with a
big thick dick who enjoys love made to
his dick for hours. You will not be sorry!

② 4842.

50ish Party Wan Ebay to SF Looking for another small type to 50 to share goodtime. Soft ok. Be 5'7' under, 7' under, 140 under gay/bi asian, hispanic, white, nice body. ② 4837.

Big Dicks Wanted
I am looking for guys who are hung 9
or 10 or larger, for fun and good times.

© 4839.

Couple Wants 3-Way Action 50, 63's (200-, and 40, 610', 230', both hairy, horry and HIV- both have dark hair & full beards. Need masc, sincere, honest men for serious safe sex. Prefer hairy men with facial hair, over 180#, over 30yo & versatile. Be prepared to meet 2 great guys. Come play with us in our oversized bedf (2) 4843.

Cum Over and Retax
I'm tired of bars & bookstores, but never tire of sucking big dicks. So, drop my watch a hoft flick and let me take a load off your mind. Fat & uncut a plus. No bullshit/drugs. Tell a friend. Ebay.

4845.

Sonior Action? Let's Play!
Mature, masculine, potent black man
enjoys private, discreet meetings with
husty, horny men in their 50's and
60's. I have xi video, a private apt,
aroma and drinks. Direct contact (no
machines)
phone * required.

4859.

Discreet Oral Service
Husky GWM, 52, seeks Bi, Str8, marred guy who wants oral service no recip. In shape, discreet, hairy, uncut ok © 4841.

In Search Of Cute faces/sweet buns. gloriously well-built friendly Hawaiian/Asian bodybuilder/skilled lover 34 with deli-cious, silky dive skin seeks trim body, healthy bottom. Versatile charmers for regular prolonged face sucking, and sensuous, unbridled passion. © 4848

Let's Cet Married!
GWM early 40's very handsome, spe-cial man, to have and to hold, in sick-ness and in health, for rich or poor, in good times & bad, in or our of tith, until death do we part. These are my solemn vows!

Contra Costa County
Versatile Top
WM, 5'10'', 160'*, gm/brn, gym toned,
body, cute, seeks other GWM for mutual hot summer fun. © 4918.

Black Man With Big Tool
You white male bottom who love's tak-ing it deep and hard - serious only. Will be away for a few weeks but will return soon. © 4920.

Curte Bottom Boy Seeks Oldear Top
EximI model, 25, 61¹; 154.e. very athletic (track) with super cure buns and baby skin, seeks sexy, attractive, masculine, similar HIV., older men 52-65 who appreciated cure looks, buns 9 high mental age. © 4922.

GAM, 27, 51, 140*, clean cut, smooth-skinned quet times, omance, and pa-sionate sex. Athletic, all-American types especially desirable. © 4923.

Latin For Sax
Need a masculine sex buddy who's
into dean man to man sex. No scents
cause like the smell of skin. Me masculine, 33, 5'11'. 175°, dk features
mustache, HIV+ sey healthy gymr guy.
U around my ht/wt, easy going into
good times & sex. Ital & Irish a+

© 4924.

North Bay Orgy
Masculine in shape, discreet GWM
28yo looking for 6 to 7 similar guys
under 30yrs in Sonoma County. Let's
all get together and party all night
long!! 4925.

BM Want Big 9+
I am clean 38 want someone 18 to 45
must have big long meat any race OK.

© 4919.

Fantasies
I'm starting to explore fantasies. Maybe you can give me some good ideas. I'm wide open for all suggestions. Muscular seeks same. © 4926.

Amputees
An affirming support group for gay male amputees is organizing, dealing loath self-love, dating, appearance, disclosure and rejection issues, etc. Call for information.

4949.

Any Or All
Backpacking, hiking, the out doors, spirituality, running, tennis, week end trips, interesting restaurants, good times. I'm muscular and friendly. UB2.

② 4927.

Let's Ruth Boneres
Stick your dick inside my shorts. Slide
and squeeze our swollen dickheads
together. Watch me shoot right on
your sliff dong Pump your lead onto
my Peter. I'm 42, 145=, 53°, bald,
furry, clean shaven, affectionate.

25 5028.

Muscular Wrestling Coach Seeks Well Built Student

Seeks Well Built Student
Wrestling practice is over and the rest
of the team has left the gym. you've
stayed behind for a "private lesson."
We hit the mats in our jockstraps and...
Let's connect and continue the fantasy.
You won't be disappointed.

© 5029.

Professional
Businessmen
Well suited in crsp shirt and tie is a big
turn on. I'm 30/or rebel Latino ,husky,
5'11', 195*, moustache, goatee, stattoes for down down dayen
encounter. We both know what we
want and know how to get it!

5 5030.

Seeks regular top man for feet in the air cum action. GWM 40, 5°6°, 130°, HIV., clean cut prepty type in great shape and health. UB height weight proportionate with little or no body hair. Don't like hairy beary men. Ø 5031.

Weekday Encounters
Seeking discreet hung black guy for weekdays. You're 25-45, masc. I'm 35, 5'9', gym body, brn/brn, hung, hairy, HIV-. Married a plus. © 5032.

Fetishes

Barefoot Summer
Life long excitement looking at 6 fan-tasizing about men's bare feet. Very aroused, ensaully 6 sexually by kiss-ing, licking, smelling, caressing bare feet in reciprocal action 6 JJ. Gdlking Ebay, GWM, 58°, 140°, tan, bearded, HIV-, NA, ND. Ebay preferred. Wantad::
Russian River Rubber Top
39ve bottom looking for white rubber
top for long session party in the
woods. Into all fantasies scenes/ole
plaving/toys and wild parties in latex
spandex and other costumes.

4852.

Scat Bottom
Seeks long feedings with tops, VA, BD, SM, boot worship. You be neg, I am. Your best time. 4950.

Pleasure
50's velvet tongue is ready for WM with big clean feet and cut meat I will give you a pleasure you will be glad you got and won't forget. Hayward.

© 4853.

Nupples

I must play with your nipples. Good looking Sbay dude, 40's, 5'10', at 170*. will meet you and worship your nipples big time. I'll make 'em sing for yo, My big dick 5 balls will swell to the occasion. I'm a S. Market kind of guy. Reciprocal great but not necessary.

4854.

Butterfly Subincision

Sks, CBT top. I am equipt dilation sounds, 14mm easy go for 18mm[3/4], force finger fuck it. FF also welcome, daddy bottom, fit 59, 5*11*, 170*, beard, tatts, 69, french hyperactive. © 4928.

Lick Me
29yo, GWM, 5'10", 145#, 8", looking
for cute boy (under 30) to lick my balls
while I beat off. \$\infty\$ 5050.

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Wanna Submit?

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Friday 4

America's

42nd Street Moon revives long-lost Rodgers & Hart musical in a staged concert reading. Fri.-Sun. at various times thru 8/20. \$15. 8pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave. 861-8972.

Bay Area Dance Series

Dance Series
Luis Alfaro roller skates thru
gay Latino experience in
Cuerpo Politizado, Nao
Bustamante in No Holds
Barrio. \$13 advance, \$15
door. 8pm. Laney College
Theater, 900 Fallon, Oakland.
(\$10) 889-9550.

Flamenco

José Greco and company of world-acclaimed flamenco dancers. Tues.-Sat. at 8pm, Sat. & Sun. at 3pm, Sun. at 7pm thru 8/6. §30-35. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter. **771-6900.**

Exercises in Fev

Queer cabaret starring Gregory O'Neill, directed by Chela Cadwell. Fri. & Sat. at 10pm thru 8/15. \$10. Eichelberger's, 2742 17th St. 863-4177.

Fetu and Her Friends

Playwright Maria Irene Fornes separates the audience, stages scenes outside of the theatre. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm,

6pm. Show, 7pm. Shakespeare at the Beach, Stinson Beach. **868-9500.**

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ani Americali English comedian Tony Moorewood in his first solo monologue. Thurs.-Sat. at 8:30pm thru 8/26. \$8-12. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia. 826-5750.

Ker-SHMACKidda

Sketch comedy and musical parody based on '70s pop culture. Fri. at 8pm, Sat. at 7 & 9pm thru 8/12. \$10. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. **861-8972.**

Sabrina Matthews

Comic in a solo show. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

Medea, The Musical

Comedy by John Fisher in the tradition of Euripides and Busby Berkeley. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm extended thru 8/12. \$18-20. Lorraine Hansberry Theater, 620 Sutter. 436-0806.

Meteor Girl

Three comic portraits by writer/performer Katy Hickman. Thurs.-Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. at 7:30pm. \$10-17. The 450 Geary Studio Theatre, 450 Geary. 346-7671.

Notes from the Hershey Highway

Performances by dykes and FTMs exploring faggot identity. Dylan Star Berkey, Cherie Bombardier, Marcy Coburn, others. Fri. & Sat. \$5. 8pm. Build, 483 Guerrero. 863-3041.

Out There (In Here)

Interactive environmental theatre celebrating the 10th anniversary of Burning Man. Fri. & Sat. thru 8/12. \$10 sliding scale. 8pm. Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan. 985-7471.



▲ Monday

Photographic collage by **B.C. McLeran-Andrews** at Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room.

Sun. at 2pm thru 8/12. \$6. Durham Studio Theater, Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley. (510) 642-9925.

Goodnight Texas

Shakespeare at the Beach presents a comedy by Terry Dodd to benefit the Marin AIDS Project. \$25. Dessert,

Pussy Galore: An **Estrogen Explosion**

Comics Karen Ripley, Suzy Berger and Annie Larson team up in skits, improv and song. Wed.-Sun. thru 8/13. \$12. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

Rouge and Lace

"(Portraits of American Women)" West Coast pre-miere, five actresses play tal-ented women. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 8/20. \$12. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness. 861-8972.

Saturday 5

Bay Area

Scott Wells Dance Co. and OnSite Dance Co. Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3pm. \$13 advance, \$15 door. Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon, Oakland. (510) 889-9550.

Been There, **Done That**

New comic sketches by Philip Real, including Alexander the Great and his boyfriend at home. Sat. & Sun. thru 8/20 at 8pm. Place Pigalle, 520 Hayes. **552-2671.**

GAWK

Oth anniversary of Gay Artists and Writers Kollective Jon Sugar with Stacey Collings, Jasmine Bouquet, Dixieland Dykes +2, more, free. 1:30pm. A Different

Light, 489 Castro. **731-2424.**

Gay Comedy Night

Karla Carmony, Doug Holsclaw, Marilyn Pittman. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabare 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

Gems of the West

SF Gem & Mineral Society show. Sat. & Sun. \$3.50. Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park. **564-4230.**

Jeneleve and Cin

Paintings of "Erotica" and photos of "Women and Tattoos," thru Aug. Luna Sea, 2940 16th St., Suite 216C. **863-2989.**

Making Up

Making Over & Making Do," three one act plays by Kell O'Connell. Thurs.-Sun. thru 8/20. \$12-14. Climate Theatre, 252 9th. **978-2345.**

Organ Concert

John Fenstermaker plays works by Fletcher, Gauthier, more, free. 5pm. Episcopal Church of St. John, 1661 15th St. **861-1436.**

Pilgrimage

Vocal ensemble Chanticleer performs ancient and contem-porary music with Ensemble

Alcatraz. Aug. 5 & 12. \$20-23. 8pm. Mission Dolores Basilica, 16th & Dolores. 392-4400.

Wide World O' Women

Host Susan Kay presents Dyke March footage, inter-view with Page Hodel. 8pm. Cable Channel 53.

Sunday 6

Keep Still

Group exhibition of still life paintings and works on paper, thru 9/15. Regal Art Gallery, 781 Beach. 202-7121.

La Klubstituta

Dragbar & cabaret Sundays, 10pm-2am, show at 11pm. \$3. La India Bonita, 3089 16th St.

Mazacote

Salsa garden party. \$7. 4-8pm. El Rio, 3158 Mission. 282-3325.

Mister Nobody

"A Cabaret of Life." Sundays at 8:30pm. \$10. Cafe du Nord, 2170 Market. 861-5016.

New In Town

▲ Friday

Nao Bustamante appears in No Holds Barrio, part of the 1995 Bay Area Dence Series at Laney College

Learn about SF, monthly mtg. 3pm. Lodestar Bookstore, 313 Noe. **642-0400**.

Open Michelle Night

Poetry and song commemorates 50th anniversary of Hiroshima, call to sign up. \$3-10. 7pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia. **821-4675.**

Robert Patrick

Reading from *Temple Slave*, free. 3:30pm. A Different Light, 489 Castro. Light, 489 (431-0891.

Robble D.

Free show by performance artist. 9pm. Hamburger Mary's, 1582 Folsom. 626-1985.

Monday 7

Afterfall

Teachers' performance at Footwork Studio. \$10. 8pm 3221 22nd St. **824-5044.**

Gay Comedy Open Mike

M.C. Darrick Richardson. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. \$5. 8pm. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St. **861-7933.**

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Home Front WWII

Alfred Palmer's photographs, 1940-44. Also, photographers Christopher Burkett, Judy Krasnick and Laura Blom. Mon.-fri. 9am-6pm thru 8/19. Vision Gallery, 1155 Mission. 621-2107.

B.C. McLeran-Andrews

Photographic collage uses mythological metaphors. Reception tonight, 7pm. Thru Aug. Mad Magda's Russian Tea Room, 579 Hayes.

Spencer Tunick

Tuesday 8

All Grown Up

"And No Place To Go" Rick Reynolds' one-man show, extended thru 9/3. Tues.-Sun. at various times. \$16-26. 8pm. Stage Door Theatre, 420 Mason. 433-9500.

Tom Baril

Black and white photographs made by pinhole camera. Also, "Cascade Structure," Tues.-Sat. 11am-5:30pm thru 8/26. Robert Koch Gallery, 49 Geary. **421-0122.**

Erica Baum

Photographs of blackboards after class. Mon.-Sat. thru 8/18. UC Extension Center, 55 Laguna. (510) 642-4111.

Horse Show

Art by Ridy Autio, Kevin Bean, Cheryl Laemmle, others. Thru 9/2. Dorothy Weiss Gallery, 256 Sutter. **397-3611.**

My Piece of Sky

Day-to-day survival in San Quentin, one-man show by folk musician Ben Aronoff. Tues.-Sat. at 8:30pm, Sun. at 7:30pm thru 8/13. \$10-15. Magic Theatre, Bldg. D, Fort Mason. 441-8822.

Working Folk

Exhibit of American folk art Tues.-Sun, thru 8/6. \$1. SF

Always...Patsy Cline

San Jose Stage Co, presents Ted Swindley's musical trib-ute. Wed.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm thru 8/27. \$18-22. The Stage, 490 S. 1rst St., San Jose. (408) 283-7142.

Broadway Babies

Jane Wasser, Barbara Carlton and Marsha Mercant in a musical theatre revue. Wed.-

Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St. 241-0425.

Bodies of Evidence

Cynthia Greig, Christina Dallas, Jin Lee, Julie Blankenship: photographs that address the female body. Tues-Sat. 12-5pm thru 8/12. SF Camerawork, 70 12th St. 621-1001.



▲ Friday

Encore Theatre Company presents Katy Hickman in **Meteor Girl** at 450 Geary Studio Theater. (Photo: Jake)

Sun. at 8pm, Sun. at 3pm thru 8/20. \$17-20. Plush Room Cabaret, 940 Sutter. 885-2800.

Gay Skate

Rink full of queers on roller-skates. \$5 includes skates rental. 8-10:30pm. Rolladium Roller Rink, 363 North Amphlett, San Mateo. 1-800-473-8658..

Artworks by participants in Positive Art, a community arts project serving PWAs. Open by appointment thru 8/15. Nexus Gallery, 2701 8th St., Berkeley. St., Berkeley. (510) 549-0703.

Making Porn

Scott O'Hara in a new play by Ronnie Larsen, opens tonight at 8:30pm. Wed.-Sun. thru 9/3, call for times. \$15. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St. **861-5079**.

Six Italian-American artists. Wed.-Sun. thru 10/1. \$2. Museo ItaloAmericano, Bldg. C, Fort Mason. **673-2200.**

She Loves Me

TheatreWorks' revival of Boock/Harnick musical comedy. Tues.-Sun. at various times thru 8/20. \$20-28. 8pm. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. 903-6000.

Thursday 10

Gay bingo benefits Coming Home Hospice, every Thurs \$12. Doors 6pm. Most Holy

Command **Performance**

Installation by Reginald Lamar, the staging of his "Sex Club Opera." Thurs.-Sat. thru 8/13. Collision, 417 14th. 431-4074.

Elephant

Theatre of Yugen presents drama about Hiroshima survivors. Thurs.-Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 3pm thru 8/13. \$12-15. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa. 621-7978.

Ken Lum

Exhibition of photo-based work by the Canadian artist, thru 8/20. Walter/McBean Gallery, San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut. 771-7020.

Lysistrata Dance Project

Intrigue, sex, war and entertainment, directed by Samantha Blanchard. Thurs. Sat. at 8pm thru 8/26. \$10. Dancers' Group/Footwork, 3221 22nd St. 824-5044.

The Madonna Collection

Images of the superstar by pop artist Julian, reception tonight, 7pm. Thru 9/12. \$1. Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St. **552-6102.**

Salsa Night

Brazilian music and dancing. Bahia Cabana, 1600 Market. 861-4202.

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Juxtaposition

Work in clay by Mitch Durkee, paintings by Felix Macnee, thru 9/5. Bucheon Gallery, 355 Hayes. 863-2891.

Drawing

Classical nude modeling by artist/bodybuilder Steven Sickles, hosted by Mark I. Chester. 7pm. 1229 Folsom. **621-6294.**

Wednesday 9

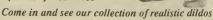
After the Apples

Craft & Folk Art Museum, Bldg. A, Fort Mason. 775-0990.

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MR. MARCUS

Leather Sashes in Denver, SF, Alameda, and Montreal

hen I think of how many cows have died for the sake of leather titleholders (not to mention the poor bovines that are dying all across the country because of this heat), I could

just cry!
Nevertheless, last weekend
saw a new SF Leather Daddy
(Cornelius Conboy, co-owner of
the celebrated Eichelberger's Restaurant) sashed in San Francisco. The event, which took place at the Eagle last Friday, was significant, too, in that it was the event that finally brought the new IML Larry Everett to the Bay Area. He promptly fell in love with Mr. Dick of Death himself – not yet sashed - George Carreras. Larry was the head judge and the usual suspects passed judgment on contestants Russ Davrerin, Kelly Showers and Larry Segress. Good deal: Kelly, who is also prez of the Constantines, was the first runner-up.

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On Saturday afternoon,
"Pookie," uh, I mean Ken
Meyers, won the Mr. Alameda
Co. Leather title and Christy
"Thumper" Cox won the Ms.
Alameda Co. Leather sash;
Roger Lutrell was the first runmakes him Mr. Alameda Co.
Drummer. Lutrell will compete
for Mr. Northern California
Drummer in San Jose later this month. Dan Calkins was the other male contestant, and Yvonne Driver and Pam Vining were the other female contes-tants. From the "spies" I spoke with, a good time was had by all. In Denver, it was almost bed-lam when the fabled Triangle

was raided by Denver's "finest" a week before the Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer contest. The affair was shifted to the Matchmaker Bar, where almost 400 people crammed the spa-cious venue to see Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer '94 Keith Hunt pass his sash to hunky



Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer '95 David Walker with Rocky Mountain Drummer Boy '95 Kevin McGraw. Both were chosen last Saturday, July 29, at The Matchmaker in Denver.



Cornelius Conboy is the new SF Leather Daddy. He pledges five percent of all Tuesday night proceeds from his Eichelberger's Restaurant for the coming year to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

David Walker, of Colorado Springs. Walker, now Mr. Rocky Mountain Drummer '95, is also the owner of Colorado Spring's major bar, The Penthouse. He has two children and a hunky lover who will be competing somewhere some-time in the near future.

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There were only three contestants vying for the title, which, besides the winner, included Richard White of Denver and Myron Salazar of Colorado Springs. There was only one boy, Denver's Kevin Mr.Graw. McGraw.

Rocky Mountain How eather Productions (Greg owe, Coryn Fairchild and Fred Leather Valdez) got it together under the trying conditions that prevailed is a miracle in itself. Temperatures hovered near the lemperatures hovered near the three-digit mark, yet things came together with mucho help from outgoing Rocky Mountain Drummer Boy '94 C.J. Vallaincourt and his "expecting" wife Amber, who assumed tallymaster's duties

ing" wife Amber, who assumed tallymaster's duties.
Former Triangle Bar manager Leroy Sousa (top marks for a premiere effort) co-emceed with my Denver fave, dowager Empress XIX, Brandi Roberts. Denver's queer "establishment" (royalty, dragsters, bears, cowbox) turned out in force for the (royalt), dragsters, bears, cow-boys) turned out in force for the event. It was a Rocky Mountain High indeed! Mr. Walker's title-winning fantasy will wreck you, and his candid, no bullshit speech earned a standing ovation. It's not easy being "high" in a mile-high city, but from whatever angle you look at it, it was the tops! And by the way, the Triangle Bar will re-open within days after you read this. Too bad Denver has to fight Amendment 2! And for those queer do-gooders in Denver who thought they were saving everyone's ass from AIDS by "stabbing the Triangle Bar in the back," well, leather survives in Denver despite lies, misconceptions and flagrant attitude. tion. It's not easy being "high" ceptions and flagrant attitude

Isn't that enough?

With little or no fanfare, the With little or no fanfare, the deaf leather community staged its Int'l. Mr. Deaf Leather contest in Montreal, Canada on Thursday, July 6. Clayton Valli emceed and entertained the crowd at the Delta Hotel. Nine contestants competed for the spot vacated by Jose Granda, who was also the head judge. When all the votes were tallied, David Cowan of Indianapolis had won the title. The first runner-up was Patrick McCarthy of Baltimore; the second was Jani of Frankfurt, Germany. Jani is also Mr. Deaf Leather Eurone. Our own Philip Hotel. Nine contestants compet-Leather Europe. Our own Philip Rubin was one of the judges. From him, we have learned that more and more deaf leathermen are being assimilated into leatherdom and that many will soon compete in major "hearing" leather titles! Bravo!

The Boston Ramrod celebrated its 14th anniversary in

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Eventures in Leather

All phone numbers are in the 415 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Thursday, Aug. 3
Mr. San Francisco Drummer contest tonight at 2000 at the SF-Eagle. Emceed by former IML Jeff Tucker. The winner will compete for Mr. Northern California Drummer at Club F/X in San Jose on Saturday, Aug. 19.

F/X in San Jose on Saturday.
Aug. 19.
Big Basket contest at The
Edge, with \$100 cash for the
winner and a photo session
with Joe Balducchi. The usual
suspects will judge. It's a beer
bust to benefit the AIDS
Emergency Fund.

Weekend, Aug. 4-6

Weekend, Aug. 4-6
Mr. Southern California
Drummer weekend, with a
Tough Customer party on
Friday and the contest on
Saturday. All the action at the
Faultline Bar. Maybe last year's
winner, Don Robert, will throw
his sash in the barbecue pit
this time! He's such a kidder!

Saturday, Aug. 5
The Ring presents Race Bannon with all you need to know about "Temperature Trips" from 1300 to 1500. Only \$10. Call 522-9697.

Bike run out of San Jose from the Billy de Frank Center leaves at 1000 and goes to

Santa Cruz and the Boardwalk. Only \$10, which includes a lunch. Call Kevin at (408) 370-6325 for details.
Defenders/SF beer bust at the Lone Star to benefit LYRIC from 1500 to 1900. Only \$6. Support those who support our youth.

Sunday, Aug. 6
The Forum of SF is supposed to be hosting the beer bust at the Eagle today but, as usual, no press release at my

Tuesday, Aug. 8
Golden Gate Guards MC
beer bust at the Eagle from
2000 to 2300 this evening.
The corresponding secretary
of the club travels more than I
do, and of course, the other
officers can't be bothered.

Weekend, Aug. 11-13
Mr. Florida Drummer will be chosen this weekend in Orlando. The Drummer Boy will be chosen on Friday at the Parliament House, and Mr. Florida Drummer on Saturday at Club Firestone. Produced by Spencer Osborne. This one should be both moist and torrid.

Leather Pride weekend in Portland, Ore., with our own Andy Anderson emceeing the Mr./Ms. NLA Portland contest.

Winners go to Living in Leather in October to compete for International Mr./Ms. NLA. Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club (MOC) takes off for the ghost town of Bodie, Calif., near Mono Lake from Castro Station at 0830 Friday returning on Sunday \$75/members, \$95/others Call 626-7002.

Friday, Aug. 11
Leather Daddy Philip
Turner's Leather Pride beer
bust (\$6) at the Eagle from
2000 to 2300. Rob Esmonde
and Serena Drogos will step
down as will Mr. Watering
Hole for Life Greg Pennington.
Too bad the Watering Hole is
ignoring the rest of the community, isn't it?

Weekend, Aug. 17-20
Mr. Northern California
Drummer Contest weekend,
with all the action in the
leather title capital of the
world: San Jose. The actual
contest is on Saturday, Aug.
19, at the Club F/X down
there. For more info, call 8611769.

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Marcus

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Boston last Wednesday, July 26 with a huge party. Manager Jeff Zirpolo is up to his ears running that fabled bar and sponsoring the Mr. New England Drummer contest, which unfolds the weekend of Sept. 1-3. This will

International Mr. Drummer '95 contest will be dedicated to him along with other former Drummer men who have gone on to that big leather sash con-test in the sky. Finally, "safe and secure"

Finally, "safe and secure" parking in the vicinity of the SF Eagle (it'll be right across the street!) begins this weekend (Aug. 5 and 6) for only \$2. On

leather/SM enthusiasts. The money is still being counted, but at the close of the event, that was the total. Bravo! ▼



David Cowan of Indianapolis (center) is International Mr. Deaf Leather 95. He is shown here with (L.) Patrick McCarthy, first runner-up, and (R.) Jani Kaltsamis, second runner-up.

be the last regional contest of the year before the finals on Sept. 23.

Enchanting Pat Sanchez

The leather community lost another of its icons last week when Pat Sanchez passed away due to AIDS complications on Friday in Belen, NM. Pat was the mainstay of the Motorcyclemen of New Mexico and a former Mr. Southwest Drummer titleholder. His adventures in the biking and leather communities are leg-endary in the Southwest. Pat was also instrumental in holding the New Mexico leather community together through rough times for many years. The

Saturdays, get a "ticket" from any Eagle bartender, and on Sundays, negotiate with the dudes in the lot. Remember, the Eagle is not, I repeat, not involved with the policies of the parking lot! Oh, and remember, don't leave valuables in your vehicle. There is a reliable, optional check room in the Eagle. Use it and quit whining!

optional check room in the Eagle. Use it and quit whining! By the way, \$7,248 was raised at the Spanner Defense Benefit at the Women's Building on Sunday, July 30. Emceed by Daddy Irwin Kane and former Dyke Daddy Skeeter wildman, the event was attended by over 400 people (down from 700 last year) who paid the \$5 fee to mingle with



The Lady in the Shower Remembers

Psycho: Behind the Scenes of the Classic Thriller by Janet Leigh; Crown Books, \$22

by Daniel Mangin

Ifred Hitchcock's Psycho is one of the most written-about thrillers in the history of the cinema. Still, a few nagging questions remain unanswered, and contradictory information circulates concerning precisely how Hitchcock filmed the picture. Actress Janet Leigh, who played victim Marion Crane in Psycho, aims to set the record straight in her new book.

One thing that's got Leigh hopping mad these days is movie-title artiste Saul Bass's claim that he "directed" the famous shower sequence in which Leigh is stabbed to death.



In print and on her publicity tour she is adamant that Bass did not direct the shower scene, for which he did create the story-

"For the life of me, I can't understand what possessed Saul

Bass to make that statement," Leigh comments. "I was in that shower for seven days, and, believe you me, Alfred Hitchcock was right next to his camera for every one of those seventy-odd shots. ... Drawing some pictures does not a director make."

Other Leigh corrections:
Hitchcock did not have the cold
water turned on to shock her
during the shot when "Mother"
comes into the bathroom; Leigh
"never asked for custom lingerie" (as the film's designer
Helen Colvig has asserted); and
some 20-odd takes (a high number for Hitchcock) were needed
to get the last shot after the murder, in which the camera pulls
back from a close-up of Leigh's
eye to a full view of the bathroom.

For as slim a volume as this is (less than 200 pages, including a 26-page prologue and two "intermissions" written by her collaborator Christopher Nickens), there's a fair amount of padding, such as the list (and several photos) of other films in which Leigh had water, shower or motel scenes.

Among the reprinted letters from fans is one from a guy named Billy, who writes, "I am eagerly awaiting the book you and Christopher Nickens are preparing about the cultural phenomenon known as *Psycho*." Scintillating, almost as much as the passages in which we find out that Leigh's daughters Jamie Lee Curtis and Kelly have never seen the movie all the way through.

This book is a veritable gusher of goodwill. Everyone connected with *Psycho* was "wonderful" or "talented" or "inspired"; one feels like a crank complaining about the repetition. The lovely personality of Anthony Perkins' wife Berry Berenson Perkins gets several mentions, and to complete the cycle of self-



Janet Leigh in Psycho.

congratulation begun with the fan mail, Nickens thanks Leigh in the epilogue for the "great pleasure" of working with her and she returns the favor two pages later in a closing note.

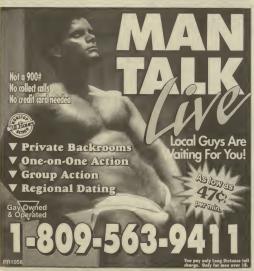
closing note.

Janet Leigh has as much right to cash in on *Psycho* as anyone else, and her book con-

tains tidbits unlikely to be found elsewhere. John Gavin, for instance, reveals to Leigh that he had trouble performing his intimate opening scene with her because he found Hitchcock's cigar breath distracting. This is technically "news," but like much of Leigh's tome, it isn't terribly significant.







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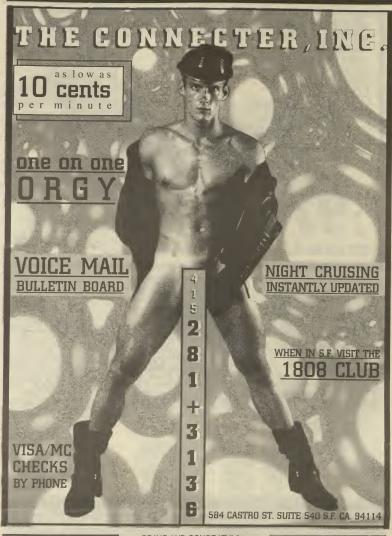
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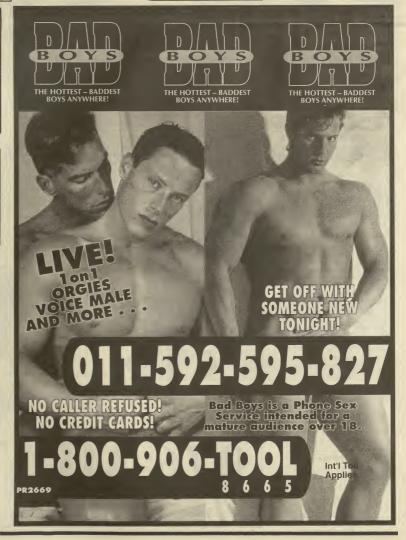
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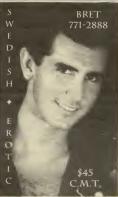
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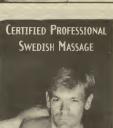
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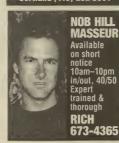


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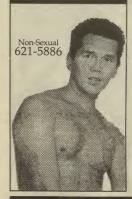
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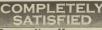
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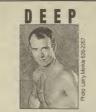
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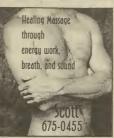
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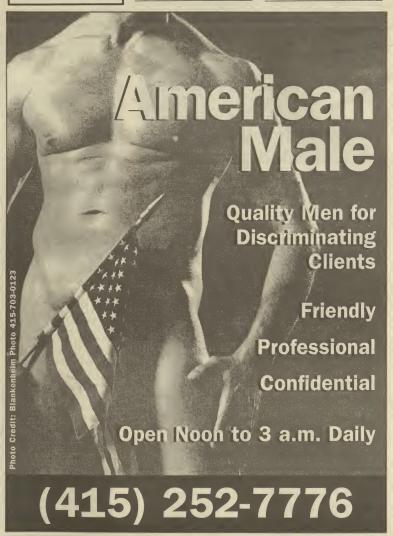
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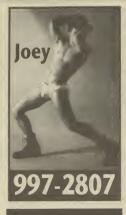
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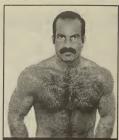
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